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Peace Powers Consider Soviet Reply

Talks With Turkey Make Satisfactory Progress

Diplomatic Activity Continues Unabated

TURKEY'S ASSURANCE TO FRANCE: WILL BALKANS REMAIN NEUTRAL?

While conversations with Moscow are reported to be making steady progress and the Soviet is prepared to join the Peace Powers to resist aggression, British Press gives prominence to reports about "considerable political activity in the Balkans."

YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA

While Italy is said to be planning for getting Yugoslavia more closely under the wing of the Axis Powers, the latter Power along with Bulgaria is reported to be unwilling to join either camp.

GRECO-TURKISH ALLIANCE

REPORTS FROM ISTANBUL ASSERT THAT GRECO-TURKISH ALLIANCE IS BEING STRENGTHENED OSTENSIBLY TO "HURRY UP DEFENCE PREPARATIONS" IN THE BOSPHOROUS AND DARDANELLES.

POLAND AND RUMANIA

ACCOEDING TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF A LONDON PAPER, BRITAIN WILL PROBABLY GIVE SUFFICIENT GUARANTEES TO POLAND, RUMANIA, GREECE AND TURKEY TO ENABLE THEM TO JOIN THE PEACE FRONT AND ACCORDING TO THE LATEST CABLE FROM PARIS, M. BONNET'S STATEMENT BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE INDICATES SOVIET'S DECISION TO FALL IN LINE WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

SOVIET'S HELPFUL PROPOSALS

LONDON, April 21.

Among the suggestions which have come forward in the course of current discussions between the British, French and Soviet Governments are certain Soviet proposals, which are now receiving the attention of the British and French Governments.

These proposals follow the lines of others put forward at various times by the participating Governments during discussions, namely a contribution to the search for methods, which will act as a deterrent to aggression.

It is emphasised in well-informed circles that even the participants themselves cannot yet know the final shape these contributions will take. The Soviet proposals, it is stated, were constructive and helpful, but it cannot yet be said that discussions have reached the point of finality.

As far as is known the Russian proposals do not contain anything bearing on Far-Eastern questions.

It is stated the general trend of discussions is fully satisfactory.—Reuter

SLOVAK-HUNGARIAN FRONTIER CLASH

BUDAPEST, April 21.

An official statement says that Slovaks attacked the Hungarian Frontier post with rifle fire last night and renewed the attack this morning with artillery.

Hungarians replied and suffered no casualties.

A Hungarian "liaison" officer has been sent to the Slovak side for speedy investigation of the incident.—Reuter.

TALKS WITH TURKEY

PARIS April 21.

Although there seems to be a lull on the surface of international affairs, diplomatic activity continues unabated below the surface.

The Soviet counter-proposals to Britain and France are now being carefully studied.

Franco-Turkish talks parallel with the Anglo-Turkish talks on the question of security are continuing satisfactorily and it is considered a good omen that there has been complete appeasement regarding the question of the Sanjak of Alexandretta.

Sometime ago it was feared that Turkey might attempt a Coup in the Sanjak, but Turkey had given France an assurance that no such step would be attempted.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT AWAITS REPLY

WASHINGTON, April 21

In the course of a Press Conference, President Roosevelt disclosed that his conference with Col. Lindbergh yesterday concerned the question of military aircraft in countries all over the world.

The President declined to comment on Sgr. Mussolini's speech. He merely stated that he had not yet received any reply from Herr Hitler and Sgr. Mussolini.—Reuter

SOVIET-FRENCH CONVERSATIONS

PARIS, April 21

M. Bonnet told the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee that conversations with the Soviets were being actively pursued. He hoped for satisfactory results shortly.—Reuter

YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN DISCUSSIONS

BELGRADE, April 21

M. Markovitch, Foreign Minister is leaving this evening for Venice to meet Count Ciano to discuss the existing Yugoslav-Italian agreements, and all problems of common interest to the two countries.—Reuter

BERLIN, April 21

President Roosevelt and M. Lebrun are notable exceptions among the heads of States throughout world who telegraph birthday congratulations to Herr Hitler.—Reuter

Nahas Pasha, the President of the Wafd, with M. Bassiouni Bey on his right and M. Abdul Fath on his left and A. Hamza of the Egyptian Delegation to India at a tea-party given by him in honour of the Delegation on their return. Nahas Pasha spoke sending his greetings and those of the Egyptian people to the people of India.

Sinews Of War

Fr. Govt. Raises Fresh Credits And Levies Special Taxes

PARIS, April 21.

EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES OF TAXATION AGGREGATING SEVENTEEN MILLIARD FRANCS WERE BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING THIS EVENING.

THEY INCLUDED A SPECIAL SALES TAX BELIEVED TO AMOUNT TO HALF PER CENT.

ANOTHER MEASURE LIMITS THE PROFITS OF FIRMS WORKING FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE, WHILE ANOTHER PRESCRIBES AN INCREASE IN THE WORKING HOURS OF ALL PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS AND FACTORIES ENGAGED IN DEFENCE MATERIAL.

The Council sat for two and half hours this evening and approved the following decrees:

Firstly, opening fresh credits for War, Marine, Air and Colonies departments:

Secondly, dealing with speeding up of payments especially in connection with National Defence:

Thirdly, relating to the organisation of provisioning the nation at wartime. The second category includes financial decrees relating to direct control of revenues with the object of repressing fiscal fraud and strictly limiting the profits of firms working for National Defence and also measures for taxation of certain incomes not at present subject to taxation.—Reuter.

French Warships For E. Mediterranean

GIBRALTAR, April 21

Eight French warships, namely three cruisers and five destroyers, left this morning in an easterly direction, leaving eight other French warships still here.—Reuter

Congress Premiers' Action Questioned

Alleged Canvassing For Pant's Resolution At Tripuri

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, April 21.

The Bengal members of the A.I.C.C., it is understood, will raise at its ensuing Calcutta Session a question based on an allegation that the Premiers of Congress Provinces and their colleagues participated in canvassing for Pt. G. B. Pant's resolution which figured so prominently at the Tripuri Session.

President Takes Action

In this connection it is reliably understood that the Congress President himself has addressed a circular letter to all the Congress Premiers asking for their explanation as to why they, along with their colleagues, influenced the delegates to Tripuri.

Against Discipline?

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose seems to suggest that such canvassing was against Congress discipline.

NAZI CALL TO YUGOSLAVIA

Belgrade Foreign Minister For Berlin

BELGRADE, April 21.

M. Markovitch, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is proceeding to Berlin on May 3 according to an authoritative source here. It is understood that the visit is at the invitation of Berlin.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

FR. CABINET APPROVES DEFENCE TAXATION

PARIS, April 21.

The Cabinet approved a series of decrees providing 'inter alia' increases in taxation and reductions in expenditure with the object of meeting the cost of the recent Defence measures unofficially estimated at 17 milliard Francs.—Reuter.

POSTPONED AGAIN!

Withdrawal Of Italian Troops From Spain

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 24.

I understand that Gen. Franco's victory parade after which Sgr. Mussolini has promised to withdraw Italians from Spain is being again postponed to a new date probably May 30 instead of May 15.

More Military Training In Germany

BERLIN, April 21.

Six classes, aged 33 and upwards, are to undergo short periods of military training under a Decree issued to-day. It is stated that the period of service will be generally four months.—Reuter.

Rome-Berlin Axis Unbreakable!

DUCE'S GREETINGS TO HITLER

BERLIN, April 21.

In a telegram of congratulation to Herr Hitler on the occasion of the latter's birth-day, Sgr. Mussolini declared that the enemies of Germany and Italy could never break the Axis.

WAY TO JUSTICE AND PEACE

The telegram added: "Italian people participate with united enthusiasm in the firm and proven friendship, which binds together our two state conceptions, two revolutions and two countries. This friendship has survived many tests. Our enemies will one day have to convince themselves that they are pursuing a wrong course, whilst Fascism and National Socialism is the way to justice and peace."—Reuter.

SUBHAS BACK IN CALCUTTA

Mahatma To Attend A. I. C. C. Meeting, Health Permitting

CALCUTTA, April 21

A right royal reception was accorded to Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the Congress President by the citizens of Calcutta on his return tonight after one and half months' absence from Calcutta and five weeks' stay at Jamadoba where he was convalescing.

Huge crowds gathered at the platform and the approaches to the station. About sixty Trade Union men lined the route with Labour flags through which Mr. Bose's car passed while the Howrah volunteers played band in front.

As the train steamed in the crowd raised vociferous cheers and it was with great difficulty that Mr. Bose was escorted after about half an hour to his car.

The "United Press" is authorised to announce that the Congress President Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose has been informed by Mahatma Gandhi to the effect that health permitting Mahatmaji will be leaving Rajkot on April 24 and reaching Calcutta on April 27.—United Press

A.I.C.C. OFFICE FOR CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 21.

The A.I.C.C. office will be shifted to Calcutta one day before the Working Committee meets.

In reply to the B.P.C.C. Secretary's letter seeking instructions regarding special arrangements for board and lodging to be made during the A.I.C.C. session, the A.I.C.C. Secretariat has intimated that special arrangements would be made as at Tripuri for members of the Working Committee and a few others to facilitate their stay in places not far apart from others for mutual consultations.—United Press.

JAPANESE RECAPTURE PIENKWAN

TOKYO, April 21.

The Japanese claim to have recaptured Pienkwan; described as a keypoint in Northern Shansi previously abandoned "for strategic reasons" by the Chinese troops.—Reuter.

CHINESE ABANDON KULING?

CHUNGKING, April 21

Evacuation of Chinese troops from Kuling is admitted in a Chinese dispatch from the Kiangsi front.—Reuter

"One last throw, Adolf, and we'll split."
—Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

Br. Cabinet Changes

LONDON, April 21.

It is announced that Dr. Burgin has been appointed Minister without portfolio with a seat in the Cabinet pending the passage of legislation which will make him the Minister of Supply.

Mr. Euan Wallace has been appointed Minister of Transport in place of Dr. Burgin with a seat in the Cabinet and Captain Crookshank has been appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury in place of Mr. Euan Wallace.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Mines Department in place of Captain Crookshank.—Reuter.

A.-I. ANTI WAR DAY

Mass Meeting At Chowpatty To-morrow

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee anncunce:—

In pursuance of the instructions of the Congress President, the B.P.C.C. has decided to observe to-morrow (Sunday) as the All-India Anti-War Day.

Under the auspices of the B. P. C. C. there will be a mass meeting on Sunday (To-morrow) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Chowpatty, Sjt. Ehulabhai J. Desai, President of the B.P.C.C. will preside and Sjt. M. R. Masani, Sjt. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Sjt. D. S. Babrekar and other speakers will address.

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Bombay's finest flats, facing sea, excellent view and situation, to let at Meher-Abad, Marine Drive, Churchgate Reclamation. Cool breeze throughout day and night. Rents moderate. Apply on premises or P. Master, 'phone 23217. (11654)

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141. EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

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Wanted—1000 pupils to practically learn Hypnotism, Mesmerism, Thought Reading, Crystal Gazing, Auto-Suggestion, etc., by Post. For particulars send one anna stamp. Prof. Rudra, 100/5 Surendra Banerjee Road, Calcutta. (11536)

Retired, eminent scientific Cutter in European and Indian firms with exclusive customers, will coach 6 educated youths aspiring at expert cutters in half the time required by other institutions! Reduced fees! Lodging free to mofussil students! Sumpige Shyam Rao, Manekbhuvan, Mongibai Road, Vile Parle, Bombay. (11664)

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MARKED ACCOMMODATION IN G. I. P. AND B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY SUBURBAN TRAINS

The G. I. P. and B. B. & C. I. Railways have recently increased the marked carrying capacity of passengers in suburban coaches and this appears to have given rise to a misconception on the part of some of the travelling public as to the railways' intention in making this alteration.

2. Under the provisions of the Indian Railways Act it is incumbent on railways to notify the maximum number of passengers to be carried in each compartment. Whereas previously the actual number of seats has been the criterion, the carrying capacity has now been marked in suburban trains so as to provide for a reasonable amount of standing room. This action of the railways, which was taken with the prior approval of the Local Advisory Committees, was in no way intended to give a lever to the administrations to reduce the train service or the number of coaches on trains, nor is it proposed to make any such reduction of trains or number of coaches on account of the increase in the marked carrying capacity of coaches.

3. It is recognised on all railways in the world that a certain number of passengers travelling on suburban or metropolitan lines must stand for want of seating accommodation during peak traffic hours. Indian Railways have corresponded with the London Transport and other Suburban Rail Services in the collection of data, and it has been ascertained that the number of passengers carried in the London suburban services during the rush hours on certain sections is nearly 200 per cent over the seating capacity of the trains. The same applies in all the great cities of the world, such as New York, Paris, etc., and all that the Railways, serving Bombay, have now done is to recognise officially this accepted fact. Bombay, however, is fortunate in that the percentage of passengers standing never reaches so high a figure, even at the busiest periods, as obtains in large cities abroad.

4. In arriving at the revised figures of carrying capacity, it has been the concern of the railways that no undue discomfort should be caused to passengers even during the short rush periods when all seats are occupied. Actual tests have been made, and the capacity has been fixed at such a number as will not cause either undue discomfort or set up dangerous conditions by a necessity for passengers to stand too near to the doorways, whilst observing strictly the minimum floor area per passenger laid down by the Government of India.

5. We desire to emphasise that the alteration in the carrying capacity of the coaches on the B. B. & C. I. and G. I. P. Railways does not indicate any alteration in the policy on which the train service has been based. It merely regularises the position in order to conform with the Indian Railways Act, thus enabling passengers to make better use of available accommodation on trains and, in particular, during the "rush" hours.

G. C. LAUGHTON,
Agent & General Manager,
B.B. & C.I. Railway.

J. H. F. RAPER,
General Manager, G.I.P. Railway.
(40)

348. ESTATES & PROPERTIES

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Public Notices

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of the Municipal School Board Administrative Officer on Rs. 150-10-250 plus Conveyance Allowance. The selected candidate will be on probation for one year.

Applications stating caste, age qualifications and previous experience with copies of testimonials should reach the Undersigned on or before the 12th May 1939.

C. J. GHIA,
President,
Surat Borough, Municipality.
Municipal Office,
Surat, 20-4-1939.
(60)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Messrs. JHAVERY & CO., Solicitors, have this day REMOVED their Office to the 2nd floor, 369-371, Hornby Road (the junction of NANABHAI LANE and Hornby Road).

Bombay, dated the 22nd April 1939.
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THE SVADESHI MILLS CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

OUR ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN to a printed circular letter purporting to have been issued from Bombay and signed by the Hony. Secretary, "Swadeshi Cloth Mills Co.", offering Cloth Selling Agencies on certain terms including the placing of a cash deposit. To prevent any possible misunderstanding it is hereby notified that the SVADESHI MILLS CO., LTD. is in no way concerned with the above-mentioned "Swadeshi Cloth Mills Co."

For THE SVADESHI MILLS CO., LTD.,
Tata Sons Limited, Managing Agents,
S. D. SAKLATVALA,
Director.
Bombay, 4th April, 1939.
(10957)

SALE OF A PALATIAL AND STATELY VALUABLE PROPERTY AT BOMBAY FORMERLY KNOWN AS "TATA PALACE" AND NOW AS "ESPLANADE HOUSE," SITUATE AT THE JUNCTION OF WAUDBY ROAD AND OUTRAM ROAD, FORT, AND BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MR. R. D. SETHNA.

OFFERS ARE INVITED by the Executors of the late Mr. R. D. Sethna (hereinafter referred to as the Vendors) for purchase of the above property. It was purchased in 1935 by the late Mr. R. D. Sethna, who considerably enlarged it and added an upper floor to it. The building now consists of a ground and three upper floors and is centrally situated in one of the healthiest localities in Bombay. It fetches a monthly rent of Rs. 5,150.

The land admeasures 3360 square yards and is held under a Lease, dated the 17th day of January, 1889, for a period of 999 years from 13th September, 1882, at the rental of Rs. 131 annas 14 per year. The offerer shall be deemed to have made his offer with knowledge of the terms of the said Lease, which is open for inspection at the Office of the Vendors' Attorneys Messrs. Merwanji Kola & Co.

Every offer for purchase must be accompanied with a deposit of Rs. 5,000 (Rupees five thousand) and sent to the Vendors' attorneys. If the offer is accepted the amount will be retained as part of earnest money which is fixed at Rs. 25,000 and the offerer will pay on such acceptance the balance of Rs. 20,000 to make up the amount of earnest; if the offer is not accepted the deposit of Rs. 5,000 will be returned without interest.

The Vendors will make out a marketable title free from reasonable doubt. If the purchase is not completed by reason of any defect in title, the offerer will not be entitled to any damages, but he will be entitled to return of the earnest money without interest.

The purchase must be completed within one month from the date of Acceptance of the Offer.

All outgoings will be apportioned.

The purchaser will bear his costs of and incidental to the assignment including stamp and registration charges and all out-of-pocket expenses.

The Vendors do not bind themselves to accept the highest offer.

The Vendors will bear their own costs.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1939.

MERWANJI KOLA & CO.,
Vendors' Attorneys,
14 K, Hamam Street, Fort,
Bombay. 15

Public Notices

NOTICE.

THE ATTENTION of all Promoters of Prize Competitions in the City of Bombay is drawn to the Extraordinary issue of the Bombay Government Gazette, dated 15th April, 1939, publishing the text of the Bombay Prize Competition Bill, 1939. The Bill provides for the levy of a tax in respect of every prize competition at the rate of 12. 1/2 per cent. of the total sum received by the promoter in respect of such competition and also that no prize competition shall be conducted unless a licence in respect of such competition has been obtained by the promoter from the Collector of Bombay. All such promoters in the City of Bombay are hereby warned that Clauses 1 to 3, 7 to 9 and 16 to 22 of the said Bill are having immediate effect under the Bombay Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1938 and that the tax on prize competitions has therefore become payable from 15TH APRIL 1939.

The said Bill can be seen at the Office of the Collector of Bombay, Old Custom House, Fort, on any day during office hours.

H. T. SORLEY,
Collector of Bombay.
Collector's Office, Bombay,
21st April, 1939.
(66).

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS in the prescribed form are invited from British subjects or who being non-British subjects are persons in respect of whom a declaration of eligibility has been made under section 262(2) of the Government of India Act, 1935, for a wholetime, non-pensionable & permanent post of SECRETARY TO THE BOMBAY BOARD OF FILM CENSORS. *Age.*—Below 35 years on 1st July 1939. *Pay.* Rs. 300-50-500. *Qualifications.*—A high class Honours degree in English or Education and proficiency in one of the regional languages of the Bombay Province. Full particulars will be found in Part I of the *Bombay Government Gazette*, dated 20th and 27th April 1939, or can be obtained along with a copy of the prescribed form of application on payment (in cash or by *crossed Indian Postal Order only*) of Rupee one on requisition, with a self-addressed envelope bearing a two-anna postage stamp, to the Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission, P.W.D. Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for receipt of applications:—20th May 1939. *Any attempt, direct or indirect, to influence the Secretary or a Member of the Commission will disqualify the candidate.*
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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT NO. 1185 OF 1937.

PURSHOTTAM TULSIBHAI PATEL and Another ..... Plaintiffs.

versus.

Bai JADAVBAI, widow of Mohandas Kamalsey and Anr. ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 12th April, 1938 and Consent Judge's Order, dated 3-3-39 the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at the premises on TUESDAY, 25th April, 1939, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.)

All that piece of land of the Quit and ground rent tenure situate at First Carpenter Street, outside the Fort, Bombay, admeasuring 250-7/9 square yards or thereabouts bearing Land Revenue Old Nos. 706-707, New No. A-B/8828-8829, Old Survey Nos. 481-482-483 and New Survey No. 2-3/5226 Cadastral Survey No. 1/3072 of Bhuleshwar Division with the dwelling house and structures standing thereon and bearing C. Ward No. 6567 (1) Street No. 5c9.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. AMIN DESAI AND NANAVATI, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at No. 77, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1939.

G. R. KHAIRAZ,
Commissioner.
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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BANCO NACIONAL ULTRAMARINO, a Joint Stock Company, registered under the Portuguese Law and having its Head Office at Lisbon Portugal and carrying on business at Patel House, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, has contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our clients Dr. SYED ABDUL KADIR EL EDROOS, FATIMABIBI, wife of Dr. Syed Abdul Kadir El Edroos and KARIMABIBI, widow of Dawoodbhoy Moosabhoy, the trustees of THE DAWOODBHOY MOOSABHOY ORPHANAGE TRUSTS free from all incumbrances.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said properties or any part thereof by way of inheritance, possession, mortgage, sale, exchange, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date of publication hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTIES.

FIRSTLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of Government Quit and ground rent and newly assessed land or ground with the messuage tenements dwelling houses bungalows standing thereon situate, lying and being at Durgah Street at Mahim, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 3577 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 9, 10, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 135 New Nos. 11847, 11848, 11849, 11850, 11851, 11854, 11855, 11856, 11857, 11858, 11859, 11860, 11861, 11862, 11863 and 16699 Old Survey Nos. 8, 9, 10, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and New Survey Nos. 1/51, 13/51, 11/51, 14/51, 17/51, 16C/51, 16A/51, 16B/51, 15/51, 18A/51, 19/51, 2/49 and bearing Cadastral Survey Nos. 1093, 1095, 1096, and 1370 of Mahim Division and assessed by the Assessor & Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "G" Ward No. 5279 (1), 5294, 5295, 5297, 5298 to 5300, 5305, 5306, 5307 (1) and 5322 and Old Street Nos. 19, 35, 37, 45-46, 47, 38 and 40, 34 and 62 and bearing New Street Nos. 22E, 27, 10, 25A, 22D, 34, 36 and 62 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East partly by a private passage partly by the property of J. D. Cruz partly by a public passage and partly by the property of Abdulla Miya Haji Ahmed Khandwani, on or towards the west partly by the sea-shore and partly by the Mohamedan Burial Ground, on or towards the north partly by the oart of Dwarkanath Bhaoo partly by a public passage and partly by Government ground and on or towards the south partly by the property of the said Abdulla Miya Ahmed Khandwani partly by a public passage and partly by the said Mohamedan Burial Ground.

SECONDLY:—ALL THAT piece or parcel of Government Quit and ground and newly assessed land or ground together with the messuage or tenement dwelling house or stable standing thereon situate, lying and being in Durgah Street, at Mahim, without the Fort of Bombay in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 132 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 8, New No. 11847, Old Survey No. 8, New Survey No. 1/51 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1370 of Mahim Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 5299 (2) and Street No. 39A and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the east by the public street, on or towards the west and north by the Oart of Dwarkanath Bhaoo and on or towards the south by a private passage.

THIRDLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of Leasehold land situate at Mahim in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 616 square yards or thereabouts and bounded, on or towards the north and west by Government Foreshore land, on or towards south partly by Government Foreshore land and partly by the property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1391 and on or towards the East by the property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1095 and which said premises bears Cadastral Survey No. 1/1391 of Mahim Division.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1939.

MAZAGONWALLA & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(65).

Public Notices

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

We have from the 22nd day of April, 1939, removed our office to 369/371 Hornby Road, (Junction of Hornby Road and Nanabhay Lane) Bombay.

Bombay, dated this 21st day of April, 1939.

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NOTICE.

WE HAVE TO NOTIFY that we propose to destroy the old records and papers of Messrs. Amin and Desai, relating to the suits, proceedings and other matters disposed of prior to the year 1931. The clients are requested to take away their papers, on or before 1st of May, 1939, after which the same will be destroyed and we shall not be responsible in respect thereof.

Bombay, dated this 19th day of April, 1939.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Attorneys-at-Law.
57.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Temporary receipt No 2248 in respect of Ten share(s) numbered 19667/19676 of the Associated Cement Companies, Limited, standing in the name(s) of Mrs. Gian Bhandari and Lt. Col. Madan Gopal Bhandari has been lost or misiaid, and the undersigned has applied to the Company for delivery of the Share Certificate(s) for the said share(s).

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AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY: Friday.

The heavy thud of a falling man in Barbhayya Street in the early hours of this morning threw the locality in considerable consternation.

Many people rushed to the scene to enquire as to the cause of the heavy bump and were surprised to see a Muslim lying unconscious.

It appears he had tried to climb a drain pipe with a view to burglary but losing his balance, fell down. The police removed the injured man to hospital.

Sewri Cotton Godown Ablaze

Sewree Cotton Green was the scene of a disastrous fire early this morning which resulted in a loss of nearly Rs. 50,000.

The fire broke out in the cotton godown belonging to Mr. Lalji Thakersy. In spite of the best efforts of the City Fire Brigade, it spread to the adjoining godown of Kanji Sewji.

Fire engines from Byculla, Dadar, Sewree and Princes Dock rushed to the scene and brought the fire under control within half an hour.

The cause of fire is not known.

Judgment In Sensational Raid On Offices Of Race And Sutta Tipster

Judgment was delivered by Mr. W. K. Mankar, on Thursday, at the Mazagaon Police Court, in the case against Manilal M. Dani and six others, who were arrested in a raid on February 5, 1938, for carrying on gambling operations on an extensive scale.

The raid was on the flat occupied by Manilal M. Dani, on the second floor of Shri Ram Building, at the junction of Lohar Chawl and Girgaum Road. The flat was stated to have been used as the office of the Champion Race Tips for Sutta and Race Bettings. An amount of Rs. 3,438 was recovered and several sheets of paper, and books containing records of sutta and race bettings of about Rs. 20,000 were seized by the police during the raid.

The first accused, as the enquiry disclosed, had appointed several agents, who collected bets from different places and paid commission on them. Thus, it was alleged, a huge business of sutta and race-betting was carried on. The police made seven arrests in this connection, including Manilal Dani, the first accused.

The Magistrate convicted Manilal Dani and Gulabchand Chhaganlal, the first and the second accused respectively and fined the first accused Rs. 1,000 and the second, Rs. 500. The rest were acquitted.

RANGOON, April 20

A scheme to raise a volunteer fire brigade force in Rangoon to cope with any emergency is now before the Rangoon Corporation.

The preliminary consideration of the scheme was done by the Water and Sewerage Committee, which has decided to consider the scheme further prior to placing it before the Corporation Council for approval—A. P.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

Delhi—I Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
7-30 a. m. Ramzan Khan 7-45 Delhi Radio Orchestra 7-50 Mohammad Shafi 3-0 Mashuq Ali 1-30 p. m. Film Music 6-10 Mohammad Shafi 6-30 Tilang On The Sitar 6-40 Mashuq Ali 6-55 Radio Orchestra 7-0 Hirabai 7-15 For villagers only 8-0 History in making. 8-15 Ramzan Khan 8-30 P. S. Mukerji 8-35 Hirabai 8-55 Arabi nautch on Sarinda 9-0 Kumari Dipti Mazumdar 9-50 Ramzan Khan 10-0 Lord Wellesley by Dr. Bool Chand 10-15 Mohammad Shafi 10-30 Hirabai. 10-40 Mushtaq Ali. As in Delhi 2
Market rates at 1-0 and 7-30 p. m.

Delhi—II Programme

31.3 metres (9,590 kc/s)
7-30 to 8-30 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. A light potpourri
60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)
6-0 to 7-15 As in Delhi 1. 7-15 Ramzan Khan. 7-30 Malang Khan. 7-35 Hirabai. 8-0 As in Delhi 1 8-15 Muhammad Shafi 8-30 Ghulam Sabiri 8-35 Ramzan Khan 8-55 Instrumental Interlude 9-0 Mashuq Ali 9-15 As in Delhi 1 9-50 Lener string quartet 10-0 As in Delhi 1 10-15 Symphony concert

Delhi—III Programme

19.62 metres (15,290 kc/s)
7-30 to 8-30 a. m. and 1-30 to 2-30 p. m. As in Delhi 1
31.3 metres (9,590 kc/s)
6-0 to 11-0 As in Delhi 2

Bombay—I & II Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)
7-30 to 8-30 a. m. and 1-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Delhi 1.
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
6-0 Indian record 7-0 to 11-0

Calcutta—I Programme

(Add 25 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time)
370.4 metres (810 kc/s)
12-30 p. m Variety programme 1-30 For you, madam! 2-5 Film hits 4-50 (Hockey) All India v. The Rest commentary by Bertie Meyer 5-45 For countryside 6-30 Suraj Prasad Srivastava 6-50 Indubala 7-20 Aradhana 8-5 Books I've read twice (Bengali) by Dr. Sukumar. 9-10 Variety Programme 9-35 Dance Music

Calcutta—II Programme

31.48 metres (9,530 kc/s)
12-30 to 2-30 As in Calcutta 1.
31.48 metres (9,530 kc/s)
61.93 metres (4,530 kc/)
4-50 to 9-10 As in Calcutta 1. 9-10 Kanaklata Banerjee. 9-30 Sunil Banerjee. 9-50 For Oriya listeners.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)
5-0 Usha Kalyanam (Telugu) by Shrimati Y. Khinchu Krishnama. 6-0 P Tyagarajan: vocal. 6-30 Shimati Anantalakshmi Nagarajan: vocalist. 7-15 Next Rung drama (Tamil) by Nawab T. S. Rajamanikam. 7-30 Shrimati Savitri Ammal vocal. 8-30 Tirupparkadal Srinivasa Ayyangar: violin. 9-20 Rice by B. Sanjiva Rao. 9-35 Lawrence Tibbett. 9-50 Frank Dee: Pianoforte. 10-5 New light symphony orchestra. 10-10 Doreen D'Vaz: Mezzosoprano. 10-30 Epilogue.

Madras—II Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)
5-0 to 6-0 As in Madras 1. 6-0 Kamba Ramayanam. 6-15 Libraries in every village (Tamil). 6-25 Chorus by A I R Artists. 6-30 to 9-35 As in Madras 1. 9-35 Tirupparkadal Srinivasa Ayyangar: violin.

Lahore—Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)
5-0 to 6-0 As in Madras 1. 6-0 Barkat Ali Khan. 6-40 Bashir Begam. 7-0 For countryside. 7-45 Barkat Ali Khan. 8-0 History in making (Relayed from Delhi). 8-15 Film songs. 8-30 Surindar Singh and Jaipal Kaur. 8-45 Machis-kidibiya (Hindustani) by Saadat Hasan Minto. 9-5 Barkat Ali Khan. 9-50 Rome by Elizabeth Gauba. 10-5 Surindar Singh and Jaipal Kaur. 10-20 Sardar Husain. 10-30 Barkat Ali Khan. 10-45 Bashir Begam.

Peshawar Programme

200 metres ,1,500 kc/s)
7-0 p. m. Khabare Atare 8-0 to 11-0 As in Delhi 1

Lucknow—Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)
6-0 p.m. Bhajans. 6-20 Rajeshwaribai of Cawnpore. 6-40 Kumari Kalpana Goswami. 6-55 Lucknow Radio Artist Violin Solo. 7-0 For Children. 7-30 Kripa Shankar Tewary. 7-45 Rajeshwaribai of Cawnpore. 8-0 Co-operative movement, 2. 8-15 Kumari Kalpana Goswami. 8-30 Lodgers: A (Hindustani) by Sakuni. 8-45 Premchand Manik. 9-0 Kumari Kalpana Goswami. 9-50 Land of Dragon, (Literature) by Dr. P. E Dustoor. 10-5 Kripa Shankar Tewary. 10-25 Rajeshwaribai of Cawnpore.

B. B. C. Programme

7-25 p.m. To be announced. 8-15 Association football amateur cup final. 9-15 Mel[illegible]dy and Rhythm. 9-30 News. 9-[illegible]rift Serenade. 10-15 Richard [illegible]uber (songs). 10-25 Sports N[illegible].

BOMBAY FIRE AND GENERAL INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The fourth ordinary general meeting of the Bombay Fire and General Insurance Co., Ltd. was held on Friday afternoon, Mr. A. Geddis, presiding.

In moving adoption of the Directors' report and audited revenue accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938 the Chairman expressed the hope that under the new Insurance Act things would improve on account of the reduced acquisition cost and the company will be in a position to show better results in the years to come.

During the year the capital was increased and this has enabled them to wipe out the debit balance of Rs. 1,24,306-5-1 which was shown in the last year's Profit and Loss Account and the accounts show a carry-over of Rs. 32,252-12-3 which, he hoped, was a healthy sign of progress.

In conclusion, he thanked one and all for their co-operation in improving the position of the Company and he trusted for the same sympathy and co-operation hereafter.

The report was adopted, Messrs. Farokh E. Bharucha and F. S. Mehta were re-elected directors for the ensuing year.

RS. 10,000 FOR HARKISSANDAS HOSPITAL

Donation By Seth Kantilal Kothari

BOMBAY, April 21.

Seth Kantilal Mathradas Kothari and his mother Ladkorebai have announced a donation of Rs. 10,000 to Sir Harkissandas Hospital for the establishment of a free bed. Sjt. Kantilal Kothari is a member of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association and is working as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Pranjiwandas & Co.

Sjt. Kantilal's father—the late Seth Madhavdas Kothari was also a certified broker working as a partner of Messrs. Prabhudas J. Kothari & Co. In his memory Sjt. Kantilal has given this donation.

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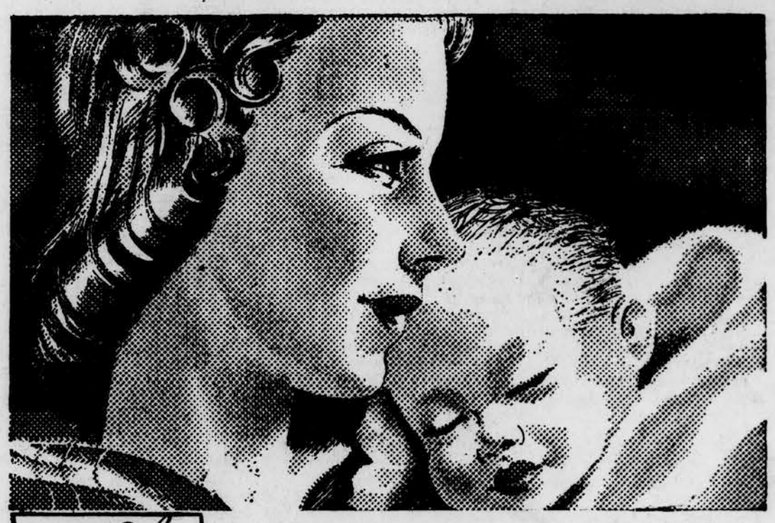

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SWIMMING GALAS IN CITY

Advent Of Ceylon Champion Swimmers Excites Interest

The visit of the Ceylon Champion Swimmers has caused quite considerable stir amongst the Swimming people in Bombay. Four separate Galas have been arranged, the first one taking place at the Cricket Club of India Pool on Sunday (23rd instant.) and the last one for the benefit of the Members of the Willingdon Sports Club and their guests on Wednesday night (26th instant) in between these two are important Galas, both of which will be held at Messrs. Golvala Brothers' Victoria Swimming Bath at Back-Bay.

Special seating arrangements have been made at this pool. Messrs. Golvala Brothers have gone to considerable expenses to erect these stands and a special diving platform has been erected to enable the members of the Suicide Squad, which is a Diving Team of the Otter Aquatic Club, Colombo, to give their spectacular Diving Exhibitions. Diving exhibitions have always been very popular in Bombay and some of those taking part on Monday and Tuesday evenings have been trained by none other than the world famous Pete Desjardins.

One member in particular—Bill Poulier—has just returned from the United Kingdom where last year he represented Scotland in the International Students' Games in Paris He is also the Diving Champion of the Scottish Universities in 1937. In addition to this special Diving Exhibition there will be relay races and open races while the most important feature of all of these two Galas will be the water-polo matches to be played in Bombay during the visitors' stay in this city.

Arrangements have been made for a combined Parsi-Hindu team to meet the Ceylon Team on Monday and on Tuesday the Ceylon Team will meet a picked team from the rest of Bombay.

On Monday the starting match will be a game between the Bombay Ducks and members Parsi-Hindu combined team. On Tuesday the games will be between a picked team from the rest of Bombay and the Ceylon team. Those who are keen on witnessing good Water-polo should remember that it is only at Messrs. Golvala Brothers' Victoria Swimming Bath that Water-polo will be played during the visitors' visit to this city.

Ceylon Team Of Swimmers

Arriving In Bombay To-day

Bombay's best swimmers have been practising at the Brabourne Stadium Pool during the week to be in fine condition for competition against the Ceylon Team of swimmers and divers who are arriving in Bombay today (Saturday) by the s.s. "Mooltan". This is the first time that a representative team of swimmers is coming from Ceylon and the trip has been organised by the "Otters" Aquatic Club of which the leading swimmers and divers in Ceylon are members. The team coming to Bombay is composed of the best swimmers and divers and the programme in the city will open with a Gala at the Cricket Club on Sunday night.

The Ceylon team is in charge of Mr. C. M. de Saram who is President of the "Otters" Club and a Vice-President of the Ceylon Amateur Swimming Association.

SOME OF THE SWIMMERS

Quintus Soyza, Vice-Captain is an all-rounder. Frank Swan only 22 is the outstanding swimmer in Ceylon in the last three years and record holder of the 100, 220 yards and the 2 miles open sea swim. He represented Ceylon at the British Empire Games in Sydney in 1938.

Buster Schofield aged 19 years is the present Ceylon Champion and record holder of the 440 yards free style. Annesley D' Silva (21) runner-up of the 100 yards free style and record holder of the School Championship in 1936. Walter F. de Zylva excellent goal-keeper of the Water-polo team. "Bill" Poulier is one of the star attraction in the team. He was the diving champion of the Scottish Universities in 1937 and represented Scotland at the International Students' Games in Paris. Darley Ingelton only 17 is the record holder of the 100 and 200 yards free style.

Local competitors will be selected from among P. M. Bharucha, Bhatena, A. Mills, G MacDonald, Private Masters of the Somersets, R. Marsman, H. Vogel, K. Taapken and Southey.

The visitors will be seen for the first time at the Cricket Club and during the week also appear at the Victoria Swimming Bath and the Willingdon Sports Club.

Sports Jottings

By "Observer"

There is a possibility of Cardiff City or the Islington Corinthians visiting India in January next year. The question of the visit has been referred to the Finance Sub-Committee of the All-India Football Federation.

The Islington Corinthians are due to play in New Zealand and Australia next year and will touch India 'en route.'

The gate money when the Islington Corinthians last visited India totalled Rs. 62,886-3-6. The tourists received of this Rs. 29,911-11-3 in cash and had all their expenses paid for them during the time they were in India. The All-India Federation method a profit of Rs. 9[illegible]6-3.

HOCKEY

The Indian Gymkhana Club, London, for a second English hockey season has emerged without having their colours lowered once. Only in one encounter did they share honours.

In the reports of the matches Masood Salah-ud-Din (formerly of Aligarh University) and P. McGuire (St. Edmunds College, Shillong) came into prominence. The former was particularly in the limelight last season, for he turned out for his own Gymkhana, the London University, Combined British Universities and 'Varsity Asiatics. His bag of goals numbered 150. The London Scottish called on Salah-ud-Din's services when he was free.

The other young Indians in England who have done well in hockey are, Y. Chopra, I. C. Chunder, Duleep Singh, Satyendra Singh, Sawhney, I. C. Nanda, Yudhister, Kumar, Dev Raj Puri and M. Jehangir Khan as goal-keeper.

CRICKET

A party of 16 women cricketers will sail next October for Australia. They will represent England and are to play in the third series of Test matches against Australian women.

They will play 3 Tests, eight State matches and seven club matches. On their way back they will oppose representative New Zealand sides in three matches.

ROWING

The All-India Regatta held recently at Poona brought out one point. This is, that rowing in India is definitely improving and the standard of oarmanship displayed at the regatta was high.

I am told that the Bombay University will soon be having a rowing club, and our home 'Varsity will possibly make an appearance in next year's regatta.

There is also a report current that a local Indian Club is in formation, whose member's main amusement will be rowing. Bombay offers ample facilities to a rowing club if things are organised in the proper way.

The Lake Club, Calcutta, is an example of the high standard rowing in India can rise to. This Bengal Club have turned out fine men, whose oarmanship is equal to the best in India, and at present in this country among the Europeans there are some top notches of the rowing fraternity.

TENNIS

A letter from Australia tells me that the Australians have high hopes of their prospects in the Davis Cup and they are expecting to be the new champions.

The team to represent Australia will probably comprise Quist, Crawford, Bromwich, Hopman and possibly Vivian the Grath, one of the pioneers to use the famous two-handed style, now also employed by Bromwich.

Quist seen in action of late, my informant tells me, reveals that he has cured himself of the habit of foot faulting, which lost him one of his matches in the Davis Cup last year.

In the Professional Tennis Tournament held at Olympia which was incidentally a Round-robin affair, the results worked out as follows: 1. Nussien, 2. Stoefen, 3. Cochet, 4. Tilden, 5. Ramillon, 6. Maskell, 7. Kozelech, 8. Palmieri.

Bombay Move For Sympathetic Demonstration

BOMBAY, April 21.

In connection with the Students' Satyagraha near the Secretariat, Cuttack, Mr. M. L. Shah, General Secretary of the All-India Students' Federation, has issued an appeal to the Provincial Students' Federations to hold meetings and demonstrations and pass resolutions requesting the Orissa Government to intervene and bring about an amicable settlement of the issue—United Press.

Dr. Mukherjee For Bangalore

CALCUTTA, April 21.

On receipt of a telephone call from the authorities of the Indian Institute of Science Dr. Shyamprosad Mukherjee is leaving for Bangalore to-morrow in connection with the internal affairs of the Institute.—United Press.

Nadkarni Football Tournament

S. KANARA TO MEET HOLDERS IN FINAL

Rough Tactics Spoil Exciting Game

With a Kanarese victory almost a foregone conclusion in Friday evening's encounter between South Kanara's first string and the W.I.A.A. Staff XI failed to attract anything like a 'semi-final' crowd. Interest was however not lacking on this account as a section of the spectators present insisted on making its presence felt—resorting to a most questionable form of barracking which tended more to bring out the 'cave-man' in the players.

PLAYERS FALL OUT

The desired response from the latter was soon forthcoming, the more boisterous amongst them using the occasion to settle some old scores on the field. Warning after warning went unheeded and when two of the respective half-backs actually came to blows the referee's job became definitely unenviable. These unfortunate incidents marred an otherwise exciting game. The staff put up a great fight and though beaten it was only to a technically superior team.

A FINE LOT

The Kanarese are a fine lot—their neat dribbling and clever heading being particularly impressive—but their defence has obvious loopholes which they will have to fill up if they wish to make any headway against a side like the Goans. Further, their custodian Karkera seems to be suffering from jitters and unless a suitable sedative is administered he will find it difficult to hold out against a Caesar—Almeida bombardment. However though they are a shade superior, and have in addition the moral support of having won the trophy on the last two occasions—the Goans are certainly not unbeatable, and if their opponents can give of their best it promises to be a great final.

"STAFF" OPEN WELL

Coming to the game itself, the Kanarese were the first to attack—their quintette making a determined effort to establish an early lead. The Staff defence however, was not to be caught napping and Govind successfully tackled Suvarna before the latter could take up an advantageous position. The W.I.A.A. now returned to the attack, Tukaram accepting a long pass from Ramchander initiated a concerted movement by the Staff's inner trio, himself soon taking up a dangerous position—but just as he was about to shoot Mendon ran in to intercept—which resulted in both the players being brought down leaving Anchan to relieve the pressure with a hefty kick. The Staff however continued to monopolise play and for the next five minutes the Kanarese defence had to go all out to keep their goal intact being greatly helped in their efforts by the weak finishing of the opposing forwards.

CLASS TELLS

Soon however class began to tell and gradually South Kanara regained their grip over the game. After Mendon had frustrated a half-hearted attack by the W.I.A.A.'s quintette, Salian put Puthran in possession of the ball for the latter to send in a magnificent centre but Baptiste robbed Suvarna just in time. Up and down play followed—the exchanges being fairly even—but in the fourteenth minute of the game South Kanara were awarded a corner as the result of an indifferent interception by Govind—and off a brilliant flag kick by Bangera, Salian the Kanarese pivot headed in into the top left corner of the net to give his side the lead. (1—0). Hardly had the cheering and applause which greeted this fine effort died down when the Staff defence in trying to relieve the pressure to which their goal was now being subjected conceded another corner—and Bangera as if to prove, that the first one was not a fluke sent down another accurate flag kick. A melee followed in the goal mouth and Kunder put the Kanarese further ahead by tapping the ball into an unguarded portion of the net—just on the wake of the half-time whistle.

ROUGH TACTICS

On changing ends the game took rather an unpleasant turn—rough play and frayed tempers being very much in the fore—with the result that the referee had frequently to warn players against persisting with unsportsmanlike tactics. South Kanara continued to be on top for the remaining period but the scoring efforts of their forwards were frustrated by Dayaram, the Staff custodian, who effected a number of brilliant saves—the one from a stinging 25 yards shot by Bangera being nothing short of marvellous—and full-time came with the Kanarese having had to content themselves with a two goal victory.

Result:—

SOUTH KANARA S. A. "A" 2 goals
W.I.A.A. STAFF S.C. Nil.

The Teams were:—

SOUTH KANARA S. A. "A": Karkera, Mendon and Anchan, U. Narayen, Salian and Kanchan, Bangera, Kunder, Suvarna, Puthran and Kookra.

W.I.A.A. STAFF S. C.: Dayaram, Baptiste and Govind, Patrick, Ramchander and Narayan, Subramaniam, Shivaram, Tukaram, Daray and Dakuram.

Referee:—W. R. Ridley.

SUNDAY'S MATCH FINAL
5-45 p.m.:
YOUNG GOANS "A"
versus
SOUTH KANARA "A"

TO-DAY: FRIENDLY MATCH—
5-45 p.m.:
S. LANCS
versus
ROVERS CLUB

Two Convicted For Criminal Breach Of Trust

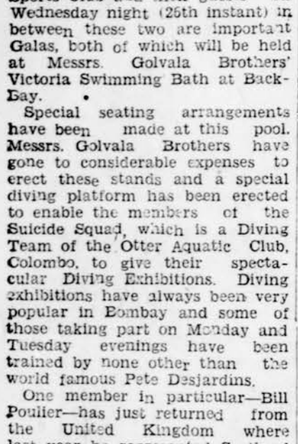
Mingal Antone D'Souza, the first accused, is the custodian of a society known as St. Francis Society at Mahim. On the 24th February he went to the Police Station and reported at the station that the society's box which was in his room in Fitters Chawl, Patelwadi, had been removed at night, broken and thrown outside the room and ornaments and cash valued at Rs. 958 stolen.

The police on investigation discovered that the complainant was himself the culprit and placed him under arrest on a charge of criminal breach of trust.

Pascal Antoni D'Souza the second accused who was traced by the police on the strength of the statement of the first accused was placed under arrest on a charge of helping him in the disposal of the stolen property.

Both the accused having pleaded guilty, the Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court, sentenced on Friday, the first accused to one day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 300 and in default 3 months' rigorous imprisonment and the second accused to pay a fine of Rs. 100 and in default to undergo 2 months' rigorous imprisonment.

HALIFAX (Nova Scotia) April 20.—The Commander of the naval dockyard has requested all vessels inward bound which passed the Halifax pilot boat shortly after midnight of April 18 and 19 to communicate with the naval authorities.



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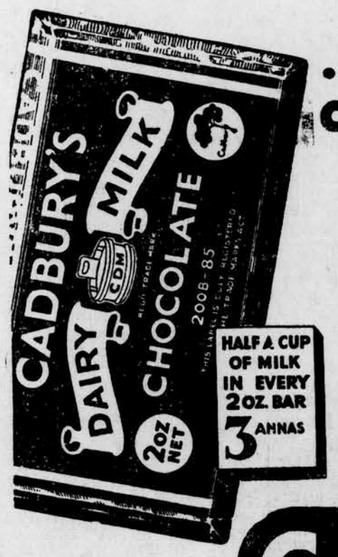

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Bombay Kannada Sangha

Under the auspices of the Bombay Kannada Sangha there will be a meeting of all Kannadigas residing in North Bombay tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m., at the premises of the Sangha, Chokshi Bhuvan, Bhimani Road, Matunga, under the presidentship of Mr. M. M. Mundkur, Manager, the Bombay Fire and General Insurance Co., Ltd., Bombay.

The object of the meeting is to concert measures to bring together all the Kannada-speaking people of North Bombay under the common aegis of the above organisation, with a view to promoting Kannada language, art, and culture. It is proposed to make a beginning in this direction by starting a Kannada primary school, for which there would appear to be a great demand. The lines on which such a school should be started, in particular, and the programme for propagating Kannada art, culture and language, among other subjects, will all be fully discussed at the meeting.

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S. S. 'Mooltan' with mails for London sails at 1 p.m.
University of Bombay: Results of I.Com. and B.Com. examinations, University Building, 2 p.m

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The s.s. 'Stratheden' (Express Voyage) is due here from London at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 24th current.

The N Y K steamer 'Toyama Maru' left Kobe for Bombay via ports of call on 19th April, and is expected to arrive here on or about 14th May.

POSTAL NOTICE

Registered and unregistered correspondence other than letters and postcards for Australia and New Zealand per s.s. 'Jervis Bay' via Madura and Colombo will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 8-30 and 9 a.m. respectively on Wednesday, the 26th instant.

MUSLIM AMBULANCE SOCIETY

The adjourned annual general meeting of the Muslim Ambulance Society will be held at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the office of the Society to-day (Saturday). The following is the agenda:—

1. Annual report and Audited accounts for the year 1938.
2. Election of office-bearers and members of the Managing Committee.
3. Appointment of Honorary Auditors.

SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION

Jenab Amir Sultan of Madras will deliver a lecture in Tamil on "Hindu-Moslem Ottumai (Unity)" at the Association premises, to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. Mr. S. R. S. Raghavan will preside. Special accommodation for ladies.

RATIONALIST ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Under the auspices of the Association, a public meeting will be held to protest against the prohibition measure which the Government of Bombay intend to introduce. The meeting will be held at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute Hall, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, at 6 p.m. to-day (Saturday).

DHROL PRAJA MANDAL

Under the auspices of Shree Dhrol Praja Mandal, a public meeting of the Citizens of Bombay will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 7 p.m. (S.T.) in the Swadeshi Cloth Market Hall, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

OPENING OF UNION BANK

The opening ceremony of the Safe Deposit Vault of the Union Bank of India, will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. at the East India Cotton Association Building, Kalbadevi Road. Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas will perform the ceremony.

BHARAT WHEELERS

25 mile Madison Cycle Race will be organised by the Bharat Wheelers round the Oval to-morrow (Sunday) commencing at 7 a.m. (S.T.)

Start and Finish: On Mayo Road, opposite the Rajabai Clock Tower.

Mr. Noormahommad M. Chinoy, will preside and distribute the prizes.

BALKAN-JI-BARI

Prin. G. N. Gokhale of Benares will meet Khar Balkan-ji-Bari children at Laxmi Nagar Pavilion Hall, 10th Road, to-morrow (Sunday) at 8-30 a.m. A programme of stories, songs and games has been arranged.

LOKAMANYA GOSHALA DOMBIVLI

The Hon. Mr. M. R. Desai will perform the opening ceremony of the bust of the late Meghji Abaji Mochi presented to the Gogras Bhiksha Society and Lokamanya Goshala by Mr. Deokaran Meghji at Dombivli on Sunday at 9 a.m. The foundation stone ceremony of the Silo Tower will also take place at the same time.

SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC

The weekly concert of the School will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at the School Hall, Benham Hall Lane, Bombay 4.

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EXCELSIOR—"Going Places". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Keep Smiling". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Nav-Jeevan". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
EROS—"Ride a Crooked Mile". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Tumhari Jeet". Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
PATHE—"Booloo". Daily at usual time.
CENTRAL—"Birth of Shivaji". Daily at 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
WEST END—"Devata". Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Mother India". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
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IMPERIAL—"Sitara". Daily at 4-15 7 and 10 p.m.
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LAMINGTON—"Jungle King". Daily at 5-15, 7-45 and 10-15 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Brahmachari". Daily at usual time.
NOVELTY—"Brahmachari". Daily at usual time.

BOMBAY SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Association, the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Government of Bombay, will deliver a lecture on "The Teachers' Role in the Liquidation of Illiteracy" to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. in the Demonstration Hall of the Secondary Training College, Dhobi Talao. Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, Chairman, the Bombay Literacy Campaign Committee, will preside.

ANNUAL GATHERING OF GIRLS SCHOOL

The annual gathering and prize distribution ceremony of the Municipal Mandvi Marathi Girls School will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. in the School compound. Mr. R. A. Gole, Chairman School Committee will preside and distribute the prizes.

SEBASTIAN GOAN HIGH SCHOOL

The annual prize distribution of the St. Sebastian Goan High School will be held at the St. Xavier's College Hall at 6 p.m. to-day (Saturday). Rev. Dr. T. Roberts, Archbishop of Bombay, will preside.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT

That "Religion should be eliminated from Politics" will be the subject of a debate in Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. Miss P. N. Nariman will propose and Mr L. C. Wadhwani will oppose. Mr. B. R. Mankar will preside.

KANARA SARASWAT ASSOCIATION BOMBAY

The ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of the Association's new building at Talmakiwadi, Tardeo Road, will take place to-morrow (Sunday) at 7-30 a.m. (S. T.).

MATHERAN ANNUAL SPORTS AT OLYMPIA

Mr. S. L. Panday writes:—

A public meeting of the residents and visitors of Matheran will take place on Sunday, the 30th instant at 10-30 a.m. at the Railway Rest House to consider the question of holding the annual Matheran sports at Olympia. It is suggested that in view of His Excellency the Governor's visit 19th and 20th May may be fixed for the Sports, and that His Excellency be requested to distribute the prizes.

All are cordially requested to be present.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Further progress will be made on Saturday with the Hayes Cup Hockey Competition for women. The Proctor Ladies will meet a team representing Christ Church and Barnes High Schools. The match will be played at the St. Xavier's College Stadium, Parel, play commencing at 5-40 p.m. sharp.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The South Indian Association at Matunga has decided to hold a Fives Badminton Tournament commencing from Sunday, 23rd April

POSTAL NOTICES

Superscribed registered and unregistered correspondence other than letters and postcards for Hongkong, Singapore and all correspondence for Shanghai and Japan per s.s. 'Haruna Maru' will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 9-30 and 10 a.m. respectively on Monday, the 24th instant.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas lunched at Government House on Friday.

The Governor of Bombay attended the Finals of the Junior Boxing Championships at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall and afterwards gave away the prizes on Friday.

IRANIAN MOSQUE MEETING

(From A Correspondent)

Bombay, Thursday.

A largely attended meeting of the Shia Iranians of Bombay was held at Shushtary Imamwada, Sandhurst Road on Wednesday night at which Mr. M. T. Afshar presided. The meeting was called on requisition of the members of the community to authorise the recently formed Iranian Mosque Committee to approach the Advocate-General to amend the scheme with a view to give the community a say in the management of the Vakaf of the Mosque. The speaker at the meeting asserted that the scheme did not enforce the requirements of the donor's Vakafnama.

Mayor's Party To Corporators

With a view to meet and make friends with the new Municipal councillors and to afford an opportunity to exchange views with the old councillors, Mr. B. N. Karanjia, the Mayor, gave a Tea Party in the Corporation Hall on Friday evening. The Mayor as well as the new and old councillors mixed freely after tea for some time and spent a pleasant time for more than hour

Grant Road Parsee Association

The Grant Road Parsee Association, Textile League established in 1929 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday the 30th April at 10-30 a.m. on the "otala" of the Cama Bagh, Khetwadi.

Hindu Marriage Reform Bills

The Bombay Government Gazette", extraordinary published on Friday give the texts of the Bill moved by Mrs. Munshi providing for the prevention of bigamous marriages among Hindus in the Bombay Province and also Mr. Bhogilal D. Hala's Bill providing for dissolution and nullity of marriages among Hindus.

Literacy Campaign Meetings

A mass public meeting will be held at New Road Maidan Sewree at 5-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday). Miss Godavari Gokhale, Messrs. Nimbkar, Jogalekar, Mirajkar and others will address the meeting.

A meeting of all the Kannada organisers, teachers and volunteers of 'D' Ward will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4-30 p.m. at Gamdevi Temple Premises, Gamdevi, Bombay 7, to discuss the future programme.

A public meeting in connection with the literacy drive in the city will be held on the open space of the Foras Road, I. T. C. Chawls, to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.), when Messrs. Silam, Babrekar, Bhosrath, S. K. Patil, Dahyabhai Patel and others will speak. Mrs. Hansa Mehta, M.L.C., Parliamentary Secretary (Education) will preside.

GENERAL MEETING OF CONGRESS MEMBERS AT SANTA CRUZ

A general meeting of the Congress members of Santa Cruz will be held on Sunday, the 30th April at 8-30 a.m. (S. T.) in Bajaj Wadi, Station Road, Santa Cruz, to adopt the report of the Santa Cruz Taluka Congress Committee for 1938 and Accounts for 1934 to 1938.

All the Congress members are requested to be present.

'A' WARD DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the new Managing Council of the 'A' Ward District Congress Committee will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. (S.T.) at the Ward Congress Office, Bazargate Street, to elect office-bearers for the year 1939.

The annual general meeting of the Committee will be held on the same day at 10 a.m. (S.T.) in the Mangrol Mansion, Borabazar Street, Fort.

FOURTH HYDERABAD DAY

The Fourth Hyderabad Day will be duly celebrated to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. in Arya Samaj Mandir, Kakadwadi under the auspices of Hyderabad Arya Satyagraha Samiti.

SWASTHAN NAWANAGAR PRAJA MANDAL

The sessions of the Nawanagar Rajya Praja Parishad will be held at Jamnagar on the 1st and 2nd May at 6 p.m. each day.

CURREY ROAD SEVA SANGH

Under the auspices of the 'Currey Road Seva Sangh', a public Shri Satya Narayan Maha Puja and public reception in honour of the successful Corporators from Parel and other Wards of the Bombay Municipality will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. at Currey Road under the presidency of Sjt. R. A. Gole, Chairman Schools Committee.

GURUKUL HIGH SCHOOL, GHATKOPAR

The following functions at Ghatkopar are announced:—

(1) The annual gathering and distribution of prizes to students of the Gurukul High School and Ashram, to-day (Saturday) from 8-30 p.m. to 11-30 p.m. under the presidency of Hon. Mr. Mavlankar.

(2) The annual gathering and distribution of prizes (as stated above) tomorrow (Sunday) from 8-30 to 11 p.m. under the presidency of Hon. Mr. Pakvasa.

(3) Laying of the foundation of the School to-morrow (Sunday) from 8 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. under the presidency of Hon. Mr. Latthe.

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LAND REVENUE REFORM

The Bombay Government's Land Revenue Amendment Bill, introduced in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday and referred to a Select Committee the day after, is but one of the several measures of the Government to give relief to the poor ryot. That explains to some extent why the Bill is not so radical as otherwise it might have been. Some such measure has long been over-due. For decades past it has been recognised by all that the land revenue policy in India is extremely arbitrary and oppressive, owing mainly to its being regulated entirely by the executive without a statutory basis. Even the Joint Select Committee of the House of Parliament of the Government of India Bill of 1919, advised that the process of revising the land revenue assessment should be brought under closer regulation by a Statute, holding that the time had come to embody in the law the main principles by which the land revenue was determined, the methods of valuation, pitch of assessment, periods of revision and gradation of enhancement and other allied processes which affected the well-being of the revenue prayers. In 1924 in response to a resolution of the Legislative Council the Bombay Government appointed a Committee to give effect to the above suggestions, but they did not carry out its recommendations. The present Bill is said to be based on those recommendations with some necessary modifications.

Main Features

The main feature of the Bill is that it appreciably reduces the burden of the land revenue. At present there is no statutory limit to the assessment. But executive orders prescribe 50 per cent. of the rental value as the maximum limit. The non-official members of the Bombay Land Revenue Committee of 1924 recommended a reduction of the limit to 25 per cent. The interim Government under the new Constitution found this an impossible recommendation and proposed a 40 per cent. limit, though Mr. Jamnadas, the then Finance Minister, recommends now, as an Opposition leader, a much lower percentage. The Bill strikes a golden mean at a maximum limit of 35 per cent., though this will cost Government about Rs. 40 lakhs. The Bill does not accept the common suggestion to revise the land revenue policy on the lines of the income-tax system as this will mean a huge loss to Government of Rs. 2¼ crores. The details of the Bill are too complicated to be considered here but their general trend is to vary the incidence of the assessment according to the fertility of land. They are likely to be appreciably altered by the Select Committee but we do not think that Government will accept any serious change in the general policy of the Bill.

Reduction Of Revenue

It is easy to peck at the Bill and complain that it does not go far enough in reducing the land revenue burden. But Government need revenue for the various nation-building activities they are expected to carry on and it is not easy to suggest alternative sources of revenue to make good the loss caused by a reduction in land revenue. It is true that Congress Governments have undertaken to reduce the land revenue substantially. But, as the Revenue Minister pointed out, such reduction was not meant to be effected immediately. Nor is it possible when the entire liquor revenue of 3 crores is expected to be wiped out in the next two or three years. We do not suggest that further reduction in the land revenue is not possible now or in the near future. But we think further substantial reduction will depend mainly on increased agricultural production and better marketing of the produce and, generally, on the Provincial Governments being granted better sources of revenue or grants from the Central Government. Meanwhile, even if it is not possible to reduce soon and substantially the burden of land revenue, all of the possible methods of bettering the condition of the agriculturists must be earnestly attempted.

Tragic Self-Delusion

The effort of the State Department of Washington to find in Signor Mussolini's reply what is emphatically not there, is both pathetic and deplorable. What exactly was expected from him to make the rejection of the President's proposals convincing? Did they suppose that the Duce would declare aggression to be the basis of his policy? The very idea is ridiculous. But he has rejected the proposals quite definitely in the accepted language of Dictators. He has said precisely what he and Herr Hitler always say after every act of aggression and on the eve of the next. And it is, moreover, the formula: "peace and justice," which is employed to justify rapes and annexation. The tragedy is that knowing only too well what Signor Mussolini meant, Washington and 'foreign circles" in Rome should be eager to delude themselves and the world

The fact is that the reply, as a Berlin official quite rightly points out, is a defiant retort to President Roosevelt and "another decisive demonstration to the democracies of the solidarity of the Rome-Berlin Axis." It will be a fatal crime to build any hope upon it or to allow it to slow down the formation of the peace front. In fact the reply demands a redoubling of anti-aggression activities. In this connection there is a report in the "Daily Telegraph" of London that negotiations with Russia have almost reached a successful conclusion whereby Britain, France and the U. S. S. R. will jointly pledge their entire forces to resist aggression in Europe. The paper, moreover, hopes for the extension of Britain's existing guarantees to include Turkey and for further progress "beyond this to a larger system of security." All this—if true—is better than self-deception regarding the Dictators provided the latter are not allowed **to destroy, in effect, the former.**

University Act Amendment

By S. G. Warty

The statement made by Hon. Mr. Kher that a revision of the Bombay University Act is to be undertaken shortly, is a very welcome announcement. A revision of the Act has long been due in view of the evils that have gathered in the University life and the vitiated atmosphere that prevails there.

Mr. Kher has prominently mentioned one principal amendment which he desires to bring about, namely, the election of the Vice-Chancellor by the Senate. While it is certainly desirable to have an elected Vice-Chancellor, it should be borne in mind that the position in the University would be worse than what it is at present if simultaneously with this amendment, other more substantial amendments connected with the elective system, the administrative procedure, the appointment of examiners, etc., are not also brought about.

Vitiated Atmosphere

The point that I have to make is this. In the present vitiated atmosphere of the University, created by cliques, groups and all sorts of undesirable combinations with the object of dividing the spoils, the election of the Vice-Chancellor would provide another opportunity for the play of these evil forces, and an elected Vice-Chancellor will have necessarily to adopt partizan views, and in his administrative capacity will have to satisfy the cravings of the groups that supported him.

What is more to be feared is this. Really worthy men will be disinclined to stand for election, because there is little hope for them to succeed unless they are also willing to submit themselves to all the demoralising tricks, intrigues, manoeuvres, devices, etc., without which success would be difficult in a contest, especially against those who hold no scruples in such matters. It must be admitted in this connection that Vice-Chancellor appointed by Government have been worthy men who, not being dependent upon any groups in the Senate have all along kept an impartial and independent attitude and filled the position with distinction. Mr. Chandavarkar who has just retired and Mr. Masani the new Vice-Chancellor are men whose ability and impartiality none can question, but I very much doubt if they would succeed in an election or would even care to stand for it.

Wanted A Committee

Therefore it is that I feel convinced that without more comprehensive amendments the mere conferring of a right on the Senate to elect their Vice-Chancellor would make the situation worse in the University. I need not detail here what these amendments should be. The whole of the present system of electing the Senate will have to be replaced by another. There should be general election every three years and a radical redistribution of seats, and certain methods followed by candidates in the election should be prohibited. Prof. P. A. Wadia who has had long practical experience of University working has also come to hold the same view.

It would also be desirable—I feel it is necessary—to appoint one whole-time paid Rector to look after administrative matters, while the Vice-Chancellor's business would be connected with Senate meetings. The right of interpellations should be conferred on Senate members, as this would serve to bring before the public, many matters regarding the internal administration of the University.

The Hon. Mr. Kher would do well to appoint a small committee of about three independent men of high educational experience to report on this matter after due enquiry and keep himself ready with a satisfactory Bill to be introduced in the Legislature immediately after the Government of India Act, 1935, is amended in Parliament on the lines proposed **by the Secretary of State.**

VILLAGE FRANCHISE IN CEYLON

By Hiralal M. Desai, B.A., Vice President, Indian Mercantile Chamber of Ceylon.

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Ceylon State Council's firm denial to enfranchise the Indian labourers working on tea estates in the Island under the Village Communities Second Amendment Ordinance of 1938 has been an apple of discord between Ceylon and India—the two countries which are connected by numerous ancient cultural links. Feelings between the two neighbours ran so high that the Government of India were compelled year before last, as a retaliatory measures, to prohibit further recruitment of the Indian emigrant labour. The entire Indian community in Ceylon felt gratified at this firm and resolute stand taken up by the Government of India, and it was generally expected that the Ceylon State Council instead of precipitating a crisis would revise its decision and extend the franchise to the Indian labourers. But strangely enough, Ceylon has hysterically continued her anti-Indian drive. Even the view so strongly endorsed by the Immigration Commissioner, Sir Edward Jackson in his memorable report that the Indian labourer in Ceylon has filled a vital economic need in the Island and far from causing economic injury has promoted the prosperity of the Island is vehemently opposed by the Board of Ministers.

The Genesis of the Franchise

As the general public in India while extending their sympathies to their fellow brethren in Ceylon are almost ignorant of what this village franchise is and how and why it is being denied to the seven lakh Indian labourers permanently settled in Ceylon, I will briefly narrate the genesis and history of this legislation.

The object of amending the Village Communities Ordinance No. 9 of 1924 is "to assimilate the powers, duties and functions of Village Committees to those of District Councils" To achieve this object, the scope of the jurisdiction of the Village Committees is enlarged and every unit of Village Self-Government under the amended Ordinance is to be known as "Village Areas" These village areas will consist of several villages and plantations and the Village Committees will be empowered to impose land tax. Under the amended Ordinance, the entire complexion of the villages Government is changed. In the words of the Minister for Local Administration who sponsored the Bill, the Ordinance when passed "will prove to be a foundation stone for the effective and efficient Local Self-Government structure of the country". Every Indian in Ceylon while warmly supporting the objects of the proposed Ordinance, protested against the provisions of Sec. 12 which discriminates against Indian labourers.

Discrimination Against Indians

The old Ordinance of 1924 excluded certain British subjects from the jurisdiction of the Village Committees and Village tribunals, but to build up a solid structure of Responsible Local Self-Government, it was proposed in the amended Ordinance to give the Village Committees the power to levy a land tax and extend the franchise to all British subjects residing in the village areas including the Europeans, the Burghers and the Indian estate labourers. Strangely however, when the draft Ordinance was introduced by Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike—the Minister for Local Administration—in the State Council for its reading, it proposed to give the vote to every British subject having six months' residence in the village areas except the Indian estate labourers, despite the fact that they were permanently settled in the country. Notwithstanding the opposition of the Indian community which strongly characterised the legislation as savouring of racial discrimination, the Sinhalese majority strongly supported the Bill.

Minister's Somersaults

The Minister for Local Administration in the earlier stages of the Bill, had unequivocally expressed his readiness to extend the effect. He went to the length of saying "I do not see if these people are residents, if they are otherwise qualified and if they wish why they should not exercise the vote." But all these ultimately turned out to be pious platitudes. For, the Minister was determined to see that the Indian labourers do not get the franchise. In fact, his opposition grew in direct proportion to the intensity of the Indian demand for the vote. He was subjected to severe criticism within and without the Council for this "volte-face" and when asked to state his reason for this discrimination against Indians, he had none to give, and had to invent a few. Despite the unanimous protest of the minority members in the State Council including the Indian, the Tamil, the Muslim, the Burgher and the European, the Bill finally went through the Council at its third reading and it gave the vote to every British subject resident in the village areas except the Indian labourers, unless such labourers possessed land in permanent cultivation of at least five acres in extent.

Indian Government Retaliates

This raised a storm of protest from the Indian community in Ceylon and led the Government of India to put a ban on the recruitment of Indian labourers as a retaliatory measure. Later on, when the Government of India refused to budge an inch and continued the ban on the recruitment of Indian labour, so very essential for the tea industry the Board of Ministers thought of apparently removing the discrimination by a subterfuge. They amended the Section 12 by which the village franchise was refused to all labourers employed on plantation including the Sinhalese. But this was a camouflage pure and simple. For, those who knew the strength of the population in these areas realised that as against seven lac Indian labourers, only a handful of Sinhalese—say not more than 15/20 thousand—would remain without the franchise. Thus though the apparent discrimination was removed, it actually concealed the discrimination. For, the recent utterances of responsible Ministers show that the Sinhalese estate labourer will not in fact lose the vote. Either he will not be a resident in the estate area or as no electoral register is to be maintained, the Sinhalese labourer even though working on estates will pass off as villager and exercise the vote without being challenged. In any event, the Sinhalese estate labourer will have a vote.

The Case For Indians

The case of the Indian estate labourers for this franchise can be

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

HITLER'S BIRTHDAY

It is perhaps due to anti-aggression activities in Europe and President Roosevelt's rather bold stand that Herr Hitler's 50th birthday was celebrated by the Nazis without any characteristic act of aggression, with, in fact, nothing more remarkably overt than the goose-stepping of troops for about five hours. The Fuehrer himself appears to have imposed a self denying ordinance on his oratory and to have allowed the great day to pass without any passionate and eloquent reference to his own achievements and to Germany's destiny, under his auspices. But the Fuehrer's modesty has been compensated for by Dr. Goebbels and General Goering among others. Dr. Goebbels, remarking with more truth than he meant, that "the Reich stands in the shadow of the German sword", claimed that Herr Hitler had brought "peace to Central Europe"! And Gen. Goering concerning himself with the future talked of the Fuehrer's "grandiose German plans." These tributes ought to be enough warning to the world about the comparatively peaceful celebrtion of Herr Hitler's birthday.

"LOYALTY" OVERDONE

Sir Firoze Khan Noon, who revels in Empire patriotism, has solemnly warned Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler. Speaking at a banquet in London he declared: "I think if there are any people who count upon the discontent in India, the sooner they disillusion themselves of that idea the better." This sounds like an amplified echo of a recent speech by Mr. Winston Churchill, but it is certainly a simple and obvious truth **that there is no Indian who has** any sympathy with the Dictators. Indeed, India regards their ambitious and outrageous acts with profound detestation. But Sir Feroze Khan misrepresents India when he suggests that the "teeming millions" of this country are going to help those whose record of exploitation and of broken promises and pledges does not entitle them to any support whatsoever. Sir Firoze Khan has done well to disillusion the Dictators but while we recognise his loyalty and enthusiasm for an Empire which deserves neither, we doubt if he is rendering any service to Britain by deluding her. Which is what he has done.

ILLOGICAL

The Rent Restriction Bill, which is now before the Bombay Legislative Assembly, is designed only to restrict the increase of rents of certain premises in consequence of the levy of the Urban Immovable Property Tax, to prevent the tax from being shifted to tenants paying a monthly rent of Rs. 30 or less. It is not meant to deal with the general question of rent control in response to the report of the Committee appointed by Government to investigate into this matter. Rent control in general is a separate question and Government have not yet published any proposals thereon. It is, therefore, illogical to complain that the present Bill does not reduce rents. One may as well complain that the Bill does not solve the housing problem in the city. More sensible is the complaint that landlords may successfully circumvent the provisions of the Bill. We do not think evasion will be quite so easy as it has been made to appear. But attempts must be made to prevent or minimise it. As regards the fear that poor tenants would rather let themselves be blackmailed **by landlords than go to** the courts, it should be noted that tenants in cities are not so helpless as that. They can organise and assert their rights with the help of tenants' unions.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

As there is barely a week for the Bombay Literacy Campaign to commence the actual work of teaching, it is necessary for the Committee to complete the details of its plan and publish them for the benefit of the public. It is particularly necessary for the public to know where the various literacy centres are situated and what are the hours of instruction. That will help to get together a sufficiently large number of intending pupils at the centres, certainly not an easy task. It is also necessary that intending teachers should be given clear and detailed instructions about the most effective methods of imparting literacy as they have to do much in extremely limited time and few of them are likely to have any teaching experience.

Bombay Telephone Company

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The announcement of introducing message rate system in Bombay at residences only calls for consideration in the difference between the present rates and those which the Telephone Company propose levying. According to the new rates the annual fixed rental for the telephones will be Rs. 96 in addition to the message rate charges which would amount to Rs 5-10-0 a month or Rs. 67/8 a year at the rate of 3 calls made every day of the year Thus the total amount comes to Rs. 163-8-0 per year. Now the ordinary rate for independent exchange line at one's residence is Rs. 180 per year and for the party line Rs. 135. So

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WITHOUT COMMENT

OTTAWA, April 20.

Patrols were watching for a mysterious, unidentified submarine reported to have been seen off Nova-Scotia coast, stated Mr. Mackenzie, the Canadian Defence Minister, to-day.

—Reuter.

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"The information was volunteered on behalf of Dr. Schacht that he is not prepared to see any pressmen in Delhi."—A.P.I.

The German Wizard's experience of, shall we say, "frozen credit" in Bombay seems to have annoyed him a little too much.

By the way, we have particular reason to be gratified at Dr. Schacht's compliment. And we assure him and his fellow-Nazis that we are.

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The "Times of India" refers to the Rajkot Thakore Sahib's adviser as "the notorious Mr. Virawala."

Is it fair, is it all brotherly?

Mr. Virawala and our contemporary's "Special Correspondent" both have reason to complain against such an unsporting ungrateful let-down.

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The "United Press" understands that Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar, Finance Minister of Bengal, has resigned.

The "United Press" had better dis-understand before Mr. Sarkar denies it.

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Winnie The Pooh-pooh

Referring, at a dinner to the part to be played by the Empire in the event of war, Mr. Churchill declared: "One would under-rate the Empire if one supposed that worn out Jingoism played the slightest part in it."

Bravo, the die-hard Winston!

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"Some foreigners", Mr. Churchill had said earlier, "mocked at the Empire because there were no parchment bonds and hard steel shackles which compelled its united action."

This reference to hard steel shackles perhaps reminded him unexpectedly of India and his own activities and compelled him to say something about what one supposed but one should not suppose.

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Colonel Lindberg conferred with President Roosevelt.

—Reuter.

And did he solemnly warn the President of German aerial might and Russia's military disintegration?

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Field Marshal Goering describes the Fuehrer as the "greatest German of all times."

We agree. He is greater than even the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm and, let us hope, the time is not far off when he will prove the truth of it beyond the slightest shadow of doubt.

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Sir John Anderson has announced the "shelter" policy of the British Government for the civil population of Britain.

And it is a relief to note that it has no reference to Mr. Chamberlain's umbrella.

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"Why does Hitler always sit in the front row when he goes to a theatre?"

"Because that is the only place where he has the people behind him."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Don't dote too much on a girl or an antidote may follow.

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It is an easy matter to bear the aches of another's corns.

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A good deal of behaving hurts nobody and a little of it goes a long way.

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The man who would enjoy the music of the band must keep up with the procession.

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A woman merely points out the way for a man to make a fool of himself and he does the rest.

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True a man may be able to pack a meeting hall all right, but when it comes to packing a trunk he has to turn the job over to his wife.

Mahatma's Solution For Rajkot Tangle

CHOICE FOR THAKORE

RAJKOT, April 21.

Mahatma Gandhi to-day received a reply from Mr. Gibson.

It is likely that Gandhiji will again meet Mr. Gibson to-morrow and discuss the various issues raised in his (Gandhiji's) letter of yesterday.

OFFER TO DARBAR

In this connection, it is reported that Gandhiji made an offer to the Rajkot Darbar that the Darbar might appoint its own Reforms Committee to draw up a scheme of reforms in accordance with the stated notification; at the same time the Parishad would also draw up a scheme and both schemes could be compared. The Parishad reserves the right to modify the State scheme and in the event of a dispute, the matter should be referred to the Chief Justice for arbitration.

No confirmation of this offer is, however, available.

ANOTHER VERSION

According to another version, it is stated that if the Darbar does not complete the Reforms Committee, for which Gandhiji has already submitted his list of seven names, the Parishad nominees will commence work and draw up a scheme and submit it to the Thakore Saheb for his ratification.

It is understood that a representative of the Darbar will interview Gandhiji to-morrow on this subject.—A.P.

Hyderabad Organiser Meets Mahatma

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, April 21.

Gandhiji being better attended evening prayers in Rashtriyashala.

Earlier he was closeted with Seth Damodarlal, Organiser, Hyderabad Congress Committee for two hours. The statement of Seth Damodarlal was to have issued on the Hyderabad affairs has been postponed.

TRIANGULAR MEETING FORESHADOWED

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, April 21.

A sudden change which could brighten the faces in Anandkunj became visible after Mahatma Gandhi received a letter from Mr. Gibson. And it was hardly fifteen minutes before a reply was sent to him with a special messenger.

It is gathered through inquiries in well-informed circles that a triangular meeting between Mahatma, Resident Gibson and Darbar Veerawala is going to be held perhaps to-morrow. It was probably Resident Gibson who suggested to Mahatma to allow Darbar Veerawala to discuss things with him.

Mahatmaji in replying to the proposal is understood to have expressed his willingness if Mr. Gibson would participate in the discussions.

BHOPATKAR FOR HYDERABAD

(From A Correspondent.)

POONA, April 21.

Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, with 200 Satyagrahis, is starting by special train from Poona at 10 a.m. on Sunday halting at Lonavla, Karjat, Kalyan and Thana and reaching Dadar at 2 p.m. He will leave Dadar after midnight and reach Nasik on Monday morning. After eighteen hours' halt at Nasik he will again proceed to Aurangabad.

Mahatma Has Lost God-Sent Opportunity

Leaguer On Exclusion Of Muslims In Nominations To Rajkot Reforms Committee

BOMBAY, April 21.

The view that Mahatma Gandhi has committed a blunder in the Rajkot developments over Muslim nominations and that instead of utilising this God-sent opportunity to bring about a rapprochement between the two major communities of India, has actually acted in such a manner that he has strengthened the suspicions of the Muslim community that he and his group are actuated by anti-Muslim feelings is expressed in the course of a statement to the Press issued by Mr. M. M. S. Ispahani, Hon. Secretary of the Bombay Presidency Muslim League.

GULF WIDENED

He further states that by his action Gandhiji has widened the already wide gulf between the two Communities and retarded the political progress of India, as a whole. He hopes that Gandhiji will realise the error of his ways before it is too late and mend matters.

Referring in the course of the statement to Sardar Patel's power to nominate the members of the Reforms Committee, he states that he was thereby placed in a position of trust on behalf of all the people of Rajkot, and it was his duty to see that the list of seven names recommended by him was fully representative of all the interests in Rajkot, without favouring any section of the people, however, dear it may be to him.

NEW THEORY

Tracing in detail the stages of the negotiations and referring to Mahatmaji's condition that the Muslim nominees on the Committee should vote with the Parishad, Mr. Ispahani states: "Mr. Gandhi can take credit or discredit for inventing for the first time in the history of democratic institutions, the subterfuge of appointing members on an official committee to evolve a constitution with an undertaking that they would vote at the behest of others and not according to their honest judgment. It is for Mr. Gandhi to see how far he would like to be known to posterity as the author of this new theory."

HUMILIATION SPURNED.

"In fact," he continues, "Mr. Gandhi's position will not be affected at all even if he were to nominate six Muslims and one Parishad member on the terms that in case of difference of opinion, the Muslim members had to vote according to Mr. Gandhi's decision. Besides this, it is derogatory to the self-respect and dignity of any member to accept a seat on the Committee on such humiliating terms and the Muslims of Rajkot have done well in refusing to accept such a position."

PREPOSTEROUS.

Referring to Manatmaji's contention that the Parishad members on the Reforms Committee would make a conscientious effort to represent all the interests of the people of Rajkot, including Muslims, he declares that this theory is preposterous. "On this analogy," he states, "would Mr. Gandhi accept a Committee constituted only of the Muslims, the Bhayats and all other non-Parishad groups, on an assurance that everyone of them would make a conscientious effort to represent the whole of the interests of the people of Rajkot. If the Parishad people do not trust the non-Parishad people, what right has Mr. Gandhi to plead that the non-Parishad people should trust that the Parishad people shall make a conscientious effort to represent their interests?

"Even in ordinary circumstances, it is not possible for one group to trust another in such matters and it is absurd to expect them to do so after Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Patel and the Parishad have practically snatched away from the non-Parishad groups their legitimate and promised right to take part in framing a constitution for a State in which they have vital and permanent interests.

"Is it not strange to ask people who are deprived of their legitimate and valuable right to trust for the safeguarding of their rights in future the very people who have deprived them of their rights now? If Mr. Gandhi considers these points in his cooler moments probably he will realise the absurdity of his theory."

World Achievement.

Insect Policemen

Policemen are on guard in the West Indies. They are protecting some of the sweetest things in the world, and they are doing their work well.

The policemen are Amazon Flies, and their charges are large plantations of sugar cane.

For years one-fifth of the value of West Indian sugar cane has been lost through the ravages caused by borer flies. These borers feed on grasses, and are harmless so long as they feed only on grass; but finding sugar cane more palatable, they prey on this valuable product and they result in much damage.

One parasite after another was sought in order to keep down the borers, but all failed. Then the entomologists at Trinidad thought of the Amazon Fly, and sent Mr. J. G. Myers in search of it. The tale of his search was as adventurous as the ancient search for the Golden Fleece.

He took a motor-boat as the quickest way to the home of the Amazon Fly, which is 470 miles up the Amazon from Santarem, but his route was not direct, for he had to go by way of Essequibo, and then over the watershed of the Rio Negro and Rio Branco.

The party was wrecked more than once in rapids; they passed through forest and swamp and a malaria-ridden land, but at last came to the haunt of the Amazon Fly. Here they set up a collecting station, and found as many flies as they needed.

The difficulty was to get them home to British Guiana. They could only be carried while in the chrysalis stage, and that lasts only nine days. But all difficulties were overcome, and thanks to Mr. R. D. Clease of British Guiana, who reared them and established them in their new home, the sugar cane plantations are now to be well protected.

SPIRITUALISM

Chamberlain and Daladier: "Spirit of Munich, where are you?"

—"La Canard Enchaine."

Reinstating Discharged Servants

Bihar Governor's Move To Implement Gandhi-Irwin Pact

(From Our Correspondent)

PATNA, April 21

It is understood the Governor of Bihar has promulgated a regulation declaring that it shall not be necessary to consult the Public Service Commission in regard to reinstatement of Government servants who had resigned or were dismissed or discharged from services during the Civil Disobedience movements.

This Regulation follows Government's decision to reinstate such servants to implement the Gandhi-Irwin Pact.

Several applications have been received for reinstatement and preliminary enquiries are being made.

MEHERALLY TO MEET GANDHIJI

(From Our Correspondent)

ANJAR, April 21

Mr. Yusuf Mheerally, President, Cutchi Prajakiya Parishad left this morning for Rajkot to meet Gandhiji.

From there he will proceed to Bombay and thence to Calcutta to attend the A.I.C.C. meeting and the Central Executive of the Congress Socialist Party.

PATAUDI'S WEDDING

Union Of Two Well-known Sporting Families

BHOPAL, April 21.

First ceremony in connection with the marriage of the Nawab of Pataudi with Princess Sajida Sultana—the Nikha ceremony—was performed privately this evening in the Nawab of Bhopal's palace.

A reception was held afterwards at which the Nawab of Pataudi was publicly introduced and garments were presented to him.

This marriage had united two of the best known sporting families of India. The Nawab of Bhopal is noted for his patronage of many forms of sport, particularly polo, hockey and cricket in which games he himself excels. He has given good encouragement to the development of sport in his State with the result that Bhopal makes important entries in almost all main Indian tournament competitions. The latest success is the victory of the Bhopal Team in the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament in Bombay.

Princess Sajida Sultana is also a keen sports woman. The Nawab of Pataudi who is twenty-nine years old, has played cricket for England and won a Triple Blue at Oxford for Cricket, Billiards, Hockey and has established a reputation as one of India's foremost sportsman.—A.P.

INDIAN TROOPS FOR EGYPT?

Govt. Of India Contradict Cairo Press Report

SIMLA, April 21

The Government of India has issued a contradiction to the report from Cairo to the effect that General Percy Scarlett and several other officers of Indian Army are arriving at Cairo in four days' time to discuss garrisoning of troops from India in Egypt in the event of a war.

The object of General Scarlett's visit is co-ordination of defence measures in the event of an emergency.—United Press.

PARTY SPLIT IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, April 20.

Angry scenes in the House of Representatives to-day emphasised the deep split developing between the United Australia and Country Parties. Sir Earle Page bitterly attacked Mr. Menzies because he had resigned from the Lyons Government—Coalition of two parties—when Australia was spending "untold millions" preparing for war. He also criticised him for a speech made before his resignation, which was interpreted as an attack on Mr. Lyons and declared that Mr. Menzies avoided war service overseas by resigning in 1915 from the Australian Forces.

Mr. Menzies vigorously replied describing Sir Earle Page's attack as "pretty low" and added that the door of co-operation had now been closed, bolted and barred for reasons which were not only personal and offensive but paltry.

Mr. Menzies subsequently issued a statement regarding security of Australia saying "everybody in this country will have to come in line in a spirit of self-sacrifice and make his or her contribution if we are to make Australia safe."

This pronouncement is interpreted here as an indication of the vigorous defence development policy including probably the introduction of universal training. —Reuter.

LABOUR RETAINS S. AYRSHIRE SEAT

LONDON, April 21.

Labour has retained their seat in the South Ayrshire by-election occasioned by the death of James Brown.

Alexander Sloan, Secretary, National Union of Scottish Mine workers, secured a majority of 4,922 over Doctor Catherine Gavin, Conservative.

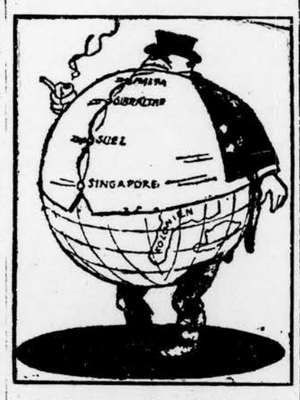
Sloan polled 17,908 and Gavin 12,986.—Reuter.

Col. Sutherland Dead

LONDON April 21.

The death has occurred of Lieut.-Colonel D. W. Sutherland. He belonged to the Indian Medical Service, from which he retired in 1917. He was a professor at the Lahore Medical College. He had a number of publications to his credit one among them on Indian fevers.—Reuter.

AS GERMANY SEES BRITAIN



"England would certainly feel much better after a slight voluntary blood-letting," is the caption to this cartoon in Schwarze Korps, official newspaper of the Nazi "Black Guards."

POPE'S APPEAL TO CATHOLIC WORLD

ROME, April 21.

The Pope has asked that prayers for peace be said throughout the Catholic world.

The request is contained in a letter to Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, in which His Holiness says that He ardently desires and prays to God "that the much longed-for Christian peace should be consolidated on a deep and lasting basis between nations and all peoples who are now so agitated and preoccupied".

Teleki-Csaky Talk

The official communique on the talks with Count Teleki and Count Csaky just concluded states "Problems of great importance were profoundly examined, especially those regarding Central and Danubian Europe."

The communique adds that the two countries reaffirmed their "common intention to direct their action towards the objectives of justice and peace which characterise the Rome-Berlin axis."

It was agreed in particular to "develop a policy of collaboration between the friendly nations."

Count Teleki and Count Csaky left for Budapest.

Duce's Speech Removes Anxiety

The Duce's speech yesterday is regarded as very reassuring in foreign political circles.

A large audience of fascist leaders heard the speech and applauded a number of passages including that denying aggressive intentions on part of Italy.

The quiet tone in which the Duce spoke his denunciation of scaremongers had made a great impression in Rome where an undercurrent of anxiety had been spreading for the last few weeks.

The German Ambassador was present at the ceremony. Signor Gayda writing in "the Giornale d' Italia" describes the speech as a peaceful and resolute first reply to President Roosevelt and says Italy does not want war but is ready for it and the same can be said of Germany.

Metal Purchases From Norway

It is announced that Italy has purchased from Norway about 6,000 tons of copper and 1,600 tons of nickel.

A big barter deal is also said to be contemplated between Italy and Portugal for supply of minerals from the Portuguese Colonies in Africa.—Reuter.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HOPES AGAINST HOPE

LONDON, April 21.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, upon receiving the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh to-day declared that, while he did not wish to minimise the tragic implications of the present international situation, the fact that they had been able to escape war thus far should encourage them to hope that somehow they would be able to win through to just and durable peace. Perhaps never in history, had nations been so bitter for so long a time without coming to an open conflict. That was the most hopeful aspect of the whole situation.—Reuter.

WHEN SOCIALIST EXECUTIVE MEETS

(From Our Correspondent)

PATNA, April 21.

The National Executive of the All-India Congress Socialist Party will meet here on April 26, 27 and 28 to decide their line of policy to be adopted at the All-India Congress Committee meeting.

Light On Bengal Cabinet Crisis

Hindu Ministers Will Follow Sarkar's Example To Protest Against Permanent Muslim Majority In Corporation

CALCUTTA, April, 21

A new situation has arisen in connection with the threatened Ministerial crisis in Bengal over the Calcutta Municipal Amendment Bill following the reported decision of the Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar, Finance Minister, to resign from the Cabinet on the ground that the nomination of seven scheduled seats in the Corporation insisted by the Muslim Coalition Party was intended to ensure a working majority in the Corporation for Muslims.

The "United Press" understands that the members of the Coalition Party realising the seriousness of the situation are holding an emergent meeting of the Party this morning, to prevent the threatened crisis.

If the Coalition members insist on the nomination of scheduled seats, Mr. Sarkar is likely to make a statement in the Assembly this afternoon explaining the circumstances which compelled him to resign.

PERMANENT MAJORITY

The other Hindu members of the Cabinet are reported to be in agreement with Mr. Sarkar and are likely to resign, if the issue is not satisfactorily settled. They maintain that the nomination of the seven scheduled seats will give a working majority, for 22 Muslims along with ten other nominated councillors in that it will give them a total of 39 seats against 39 Hindu seats.

This equalisation plus 12 European seats will give them an absolute majority in a House of 99 seats.—United Press

PREMIER TO STAND BY SARKAR

CALCUTTA, April 21.

The Cabinet crisis in Bengal is likely to resolve because of the definite attitude which the Prime Minister, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, is reported to have adopted.

Though the Coalition Party this morning favoured the system of providing nomination for the Scheduled Castes after much heated discussion, informed circles believe that Mr. Huq does not want any crisis over this issue which does not affect Muslims. According to these circles, Mr. Huq is of opinion that the Scheduled Caste members of the Bengal Legislative Assembly are divided among themselves, and a few who are in the Coalition Party itself are not keen over the issue. In this view, Mr. Huq, according to this group, will support Mr. N. R. Sarkar, whose stand is likely to be vindicated.—United Press.

COMMUNAL TENSION IN ALLAHABAD

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, April 21.

Situation at Allahabad has again deteriorated.

The office of the Hindu Sabha was burnt at midnight in Kydganj, where Curfew order had been withdrawn two days previously.

The District Magistrate has promulgated Sec. 144 all over city and Curfew order in Kydganj. The Hindu Sabha tried to hold a meeting last evening but the police prevented the meeting being held and arrested several members of the Sabha, who afterwards were released.

The District Magistrate in the course of his communique says that meeting was held due to some unfortunate misunderstanding which caused some excitement.

Training Class For Bombay Seva Dal Officers

The G.O.C., Bombay Seva Dal, writes:—

A Training Class for the officers of the Bombay Seva Dal is started in Om Samarth Bharat Vyayam Mandir's compound, Kir Wadi, "Y" Road, off Lady Jamshedji Road, Dadar. The time for the class is from 9 to 10 p.m. (S.T.). Those wishing to join are requested to see the G.O.C. of the Bombay Seva Dal at the time of the Class at the abovementioned place.

All the volunteers of the Bombay Seva Dal of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, are requested to be present to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House where there will be a weekly parade of the Dal. After the parade is over they will take up the work of arrangements of the polling booth of the Girgaum District Congress Committee at the Jinnah Hall.

LITERACY CAMPAIGN AT WORLI

Under the auspices of the Worli Literacy Campaign Committee, a propaganda meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the Maidan opposite B.D.D. Chawls No. 83 at Kamgar Nagar. Mr. Roop Kishore Sharma in-charge Hindi Section, will preside.

DOMESTIC AND SANITARY ENGINEERS

A meeting of the Sanitary, Domestic Engineers and Plumbers will meet in the Servants of India Society's Hall, at Sandhurst Road, to-day (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST 23 CONGRESSMEN

KARACHI, April 21

Disciplinary action against 23 Congress workers of Shikarpur is contemplated by the Sind Provincial Congress Committee. A Tribunal comprising of Mr. Parasram V. Tahilramani, Mr. Choithram, T. Valecha and Dr. Vatanamal, has been appointed by the Provincial Congress Committee, which is reaching Shikarpur on the 24th April to hold the necessary enquiry into the allegations preferred against these Congressmen.

On the other hand, it is reported that all the 23 Congressmen propose to boycott the Tribunal and will not appear before it to defend their cases.—United Press

Sukkur Muslims Threaten Satyagraha

SUKKUR, April 21

A threat to start Satyagraha is held out by Muslims of Sukkur on the controversial question of Manzilgah, which is alleged by the Muslims to be an ancient mosque.

They have written a letter to the Sind Government which is described as an "ultimatum of Satyagraha" to be started within a month.—United Press

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MORARJI DESAI AND JAMNADAS MEHTA AGREE

Land Revenue Bill Goes To Select Committee

Congress Manifesto Did Not Promise Immediate Reduction Of Land Revenue By 50 Per Cent., Says Revenue Minister

A spirited and cogent speech was made by Mr. Morarji Desai, Revenue Minister, while replying to the criticisms levelled against the Bombay Land Revenue Code Amending Act.

He dealt with the "fantastic and revolutionary" theories of Mr. S. V. Parulekar on taxation and assured the members that all reasonable alternative schemes of assessment would be carefully considered in the Select Committee.

After the first reading of the Bill, the House agreed to the Bill being referred to a Select Committee.

After questions the reading of the Rent Restriction Bill was passed to-day in the Assembly.

The Speaker ruled Mr. Mitha's amendment moved yesterday out of order when Mr. Mitha opposed clause 9 of the Bill which provided that no landlord shall recover from his tenant the amount of the property tax by an increase in rent.

Mr. Mitha stated that as a result of this measure the landlord would be taxed on his gross income without credit being given to him for the payments he had to make in respect of taxes.

After the Minister's reply, the Bill was put to vote and passed.

The House then discussed the Bombay Panchayat Act and agreed to the six amendments made by the Legislative Council. The amendments were merely verbal.

Discussion was resumed on the Land Revenue Code Amendment Act. Mr. D. J. Ferreira, pleaded for a reduction of the assessment.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, in supporting the first reading of the Bill, gave a lucid and historical survey of the land revenue system in the Presidency and urged the Government to make substantial modifications in the Select Committee so as to make it possible for the peasantry to have the minimum necessaries of life.

'DEVIL TAKES PEASANTS'

Isolated attempts to fix the basis of land revenue had so far miserably failed. It was only in 1836 that a sympathetic attempt was first made to tackle the problem and the survey settlement gave an assurance of stability but the defect of the system lies in the assessment being left entirely at the discretion of the survey officers. The subsequent settlements did not improve matters and Mr. Mehta was in full agreement with the remarks made by a well-known authority, who, speaking about the revenue system in India had said, "The Government take the revenue, the sowcars the interest and the devil takes the peasants". The Indian National Congress and leaders and economists had condemned outright the revenue system prevailing in the country. Mr. Mehta was glad to know that at long last, an attempt was being made to solve the problem.

'SUPERB LANDLORD'

The land revenue system, in Bombay as far as its technique was concerned was a model of perfection but behind this perfect technique there was a deep tragedy. The present bill, he thought, sought to give statutory regulation to the system of land revenue. Mr. Mehta, though agreeing with this principle, attacked the basis of assessment contemplated by the Government. There was also no provision to resort to Law Courts against the assessment rates. The State, according to the Bill, claimed to be a superb landlord, having all rights without any obligations.

'LIVING BECAUSE THEY DON'T DIE'

He congratulated the Revenue Minister on his refreshing candour. Because he admitted that it was not possible to give any concession beyond what was given in the bill. Land revenue, according to Mr. Mehta must be so assessed as to provide the cultivator with at least bare living. The bill, introduced by the Government was not, however, a satisfactory solution in this respect. Only 40 lakhs, he pointed out, were able to maintain themselves on four crores of acres of cultivable land in the province. Others simply managed to exist. "They live because they don't die", he argued.

He asked the Revenue Minister to keep an open mind on the question of percentages in assessment. Personally he was not in favour of any land tax beyond ten per cent. Mr. Mehta informed the House how he burnt his fingers and lost two thousand rupees in attempting practical farming.

Concluding he hoped that substantial changes of the Bill would be made in the Select Committee.

Mr. S. V. Parulekar stated that if the Select Committee to which the bill would be referred had freedom to evolve a new scheme of assessing land revenue, he would support it. Otherwise he would have to oppose it.

Mr. Jhabvala wished that the Government should have done something more radical.

ELECTION MANIFESTO RECALLED

Mr. Morarji Desai considered it unfair and unjust that some members should have stated that he had thrown the Congress election manifestoes into the waste paper basket by bringing in this measure. The election manifesto he said had nowhere stated that there would be an immediate reduction of 50 per cent. in land revenue. The reduction of rent and revenue depended on many factors and within the specified powers under the Act, it was not possible to do much.

Personally he had not made any such promises to his electorate and he was prepared to satisfy anyone in this respect. He added, "If I do not satisfy, I am prepared to vacate my seat."

ABSURD THEORIES

The revolutionary theories of Mr. Parulekar on taxation, he characterised as absurd. His so-called just and equitable ideas on taxation were not practicable. They would only create more confusion. They would wipe out the land revenue, without doing any good to anybody.

The Revenue Minister was prepared to consider any reasonable suggestions in the Select Committee but not such revolutionary ideas, which were unpracticable and absurd. What was wanted was a consistent effort to improve production, co-operative organisations for the sale of the produce and co-operative societies for the supply of their needs and facilities for necessary loans.

Personally he thought that land belonged to the Community and added, "It must belong to the Community."

PERSONAL VIEWS

The Leader of the Opposition, desired to know—whether the same views were shared by the Ministry.

Mr. Desai: This is my personal view. I have no authority to speak on behalf of the Government.

The Government, he said, were doing everything in their power to help the agriculturists.

Regarding the remarks of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta that the land revenue should only be 10 per cent, Mr. Desai stated that while Mr. Jamnadas Mehta was the Minister he prepared an identical bill in which he recommended 40 per cent. The present Bill recommended much less and now he (Mr. Mehta) was advising the Government for 10 per cent.

Mr. Desai replied to the other criticisms after which the first reading of the Bill was put to vote and passed.

The proposal to refer the Bill to a Select Committee was agreed to by the House.

Challenge To Italian Viceroy By Ethiopian General

France Aiding Ethiopians To Get Back Their Freedom?

(From Our Correspondent).

DJIBOUTI, April 13.

From Yemen we have been hearing consistent reports of troop concentrations by the Imam and it is said he has been threatening the small Sheikhs and Sultans who are under British influence, but when the Aden Government wrote to him, he is said to have denied all. It seems that the Italians have been using their influence and propaganda to make Imam Yahia create some trouble, but after what has happened to Albania, the Imam will think twice before believing the Italian promises. There is no doubt that the Yemen Government have been receiving arms openly from the Italian Government.

ETHIOPIAN VICTORIES.

From Ethiopia we had news of many Ethiopian victories, the Italians were forced to vacate the whole of Bali Province, a grandson of Ras Lulsaggad the first conqueror of Bali, went with a big army and after clearing Bali has marched on Harar Province and attacked Ashi-Taffari twice.

The Italians have also been forced to vacate the north western parts of Ethiopia. The Provinces of Gojjam, Gonder and all surrounding districts near Addis-Ababa are flying the Ethiopian tricolour. Brave General Aluba Arragai has gone so far as to send the Italian Viceroy some ammunition cases and taunted him to come out to fight. He told him that he was welcome to use these bullets against the Ethiopians. But the Italian Command contented itself with posting about one hundred thousand troops on their chief line of communication from Addis Ababa to Asmara and Mussawa and sit tight in the capital.

ITALIAN SETTLERS LEAVE.

They know that if the trouble starts with the French, their communication with the sea will be stopped. Seeing this the Ethiopians are not allowing them to sit quiet and they have started attacking on the Railway line. On 27th March, General Aluba Arragai received a communication from Ethiopian soldiers of Mojo that they intended joining the Ethiopian ranks, and would be pleased to assist him after they revolted and attacked the Italian troops. So one day these Italians were attacked from both sides. The villagers, hearing this, attacked some Italian settlers and finished them off, so the Italian families started a rush to leave Ethiopia and 25 families have already gone down.

HAILLE SILASSIE'S MESSAGE.

On Farsiga Feast Day, a message was received from Emperor Haille Silassie and thousands rushed to the house of the ex-Ethiopian Consul to hear this message. The ex-Consul then distributed his pictures with the words "Ethiopia stretches her hands unto God' and Arabs, Somalis and Ethiopians for three days were rushing to the Consulate to get this picture. This proves how popular the Emperor is. There were prayers from thousands of throats for independence to Ethiopia.

FRENCH MOVEMENT.

All the time that the Italians have been uttering threats, the French have been quietly bringing in more troops and making their maginot lines more strong to withhold all attacks. The French Engineers are busy day and night and the French think that these troops are enough to stop the first rush of the Italians and they are sure that by the time this rush is checked, the Ethiopians will have time enough to come from the rear and finish them off. Of course the European correspondents only mention the number of Ethiopians to be 10,000 but I know they are more than 15 times this number and their ranks are increasing every day. Ethiopians are only 5 to 6 days' march from the French border in Ancober, Channo and Ali Yamba.

The Italians have again suddenly become active, their tanks are running about near the French border and on the 10th April six of their aeroplanes flew over the fortified post of Dakhil.

A SHORT STORY

Plus Love

BY MEREDITH SCHOLL.

"You wouldn't be the type to marry a man for his money, would you?" Ray Shelly said.

"You've had too much to drink or you wouln't talk like that," Ede Mayfair told him. Her fine blue eyes were wide with anger and indignation.

Ray felt remorseful. He shook his head, trying to clear it of its befogged thoughts, trying to segregate from the jumble of sudden flashes that Ede's words had conjured one half-forgotten, maddeningly elusive picture.

Then, as though some subtle and mysterious force compelled him to do so, he looked up and across the crowded dance floor of the Roumanian Room and into the eyes of a girl. The orchestra had paused. She was standing on the edge of the floor with her partner. She had red hair and a curved, sensitive mouth and a finely chiselled nose. Her eyes met his.

"Ray!" she cried. "How are you, darling?" Then the music started and she danced away, looking at him over her partner's shoulder, disappearing into the crowd.

Ray's thoughts were at once startlingly clear. Her name was Linda Cole. A year ago he had sat opposite her at this same table in this same night club, and she had laughed when he tried to stand up and couldn't because he'd been too drunk.

"Darling, you've had too much to drink," she had said.

And Ray looked at her, his head swaying a little. "Listen," he said. "I'm in love with you. You know that. I'd like to marry a girl like you. But—well, you know how it is, Linda."

"Of course I know how it is, darling." She had smiled brightly. "You're one of the richest men in New York. You never know whether people like you for yourself or for your money. It rather puts you on a spot."

Warmth of feeling had welled up inside of him, because she understood.

"And you want to know if I said yes I'd marry you would it be for your money." She paused, crushed out her cigarette smiled. "Yes," she said. "I've never had all the money I want, and I've always wanted things. You could give them to me. I love you, Ray, but I wouldn't love you if you were poor."

Days later Ray had ceased his brooding in the state room of a Mediterranean-bound steamer long enough to take a walk on deck. Fate must have walked with him that day, for when he rounded a corner he ran smack into a girl with ash blond hair and wide blue eyes. He knocked her flat and, despite the fact that he had made a vow to ignore all women from now on and ever more, he picked her up and couldn't help noticing how pretty she was.

If they both hadn't been confined to the boat, Ray would have carried out his vow and never talked to another woman—at least for a week longer, and by then Ede Mayfair would have gone out of his life. He saw her at dinner that night and the next day and all the days that followed.

Astonishingly he discovered she helped him to forget Linda. Moreover, she couldn't really know how rich he was and she didn't seem to care. She seemed to like him for himself and never told him he drank too much.

So when they got back to New York, Ray continued to see her. He didn't know he was falling in love, not until the night up in Westchester when he got pretty drunk and went to sleep with his head in her lap. When he woke up she was still there, holding him, smiling down, and then he knew that she was the girl he wanted forever and ever.

So here they were to-night, almost a year aiter the Linda affair, sitting in the Roumanian room and Ray was pretty drunk. It was being drunk and being at the same table in the same room that made him say the same thing to Ede that he had said to Linda. He regretted it instantly because anyone could tell by the look in Ede's eyes that she wasn't the Linda type at all.

The music stopped and the dancers sat down. Directly across the floor Ray could see Linda, see her looking at him, smiling, amused. He grew sullen and thoughtful, and when Ede reached across the table and covered his hand with her own, he lurched to his feet. "Gotta know," he said. "Wouldn't be happy if I didn't know." He staggered off, returning five minutes later. "Come on," he said. "Gotta know."

He led her to the room behind the bar where the gambling tables were. He introduced her to suave Jose Ferdanez, and then he explained what he was up to. He was going to gamble his entire fortune. He hoped, he said, he'd lose it because then he'd never have any doubts about his wife, and he was sure he'd be much happier.

Ede, horrified, tried to dissuade him, but the wheel was already spinning. The ball dropped, and suave Jose informed Ray Shelly that he had just been deprived of 95 per cent. of his entire fortune.

Ray scribbled something on a paper and gave it to Jose and led the way outside. Ede was crying. She couldn't meet his eyes. Chokingly she told him the horrible truth: Now that he was poor—"oh, please try and understand, Ray. I—we couldn't be happy as poor people."

When she had left him, Ray went back to the gambling room, winked at Jose and retrieved the slip of paper. "Thanks for the favour," he said, and Jose nodded. Then Ray went out and headed for the dance floor. He was quite sober now. When he took Linda's hand in his own, ignoring her partner, he knew exactly what he was doing.

"I still love you," he said. "Does that offer still go?"

"Of course, darling," she said, smiling.

"Then it's a deal," said Ray. "You're honest. That's all that counts. A man will pay for honesty, plus love."

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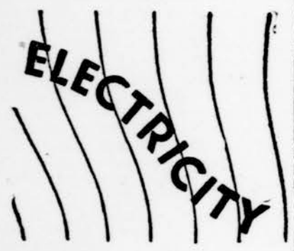

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(From Our Correspondent).

NAGPUR, (By Mail.)

The Hon'ble Pandit D. P. Misra, Minister for Local Self-Government, will shortly introduce a bill, in the Provincial Legislative Assembly to consolidate and amend the law relating to village panchayats in the Central Provinces and Berar, with a view to create a democratic village organisation and make it the unit of administration as well as for all collective activity.

In the statement of objects and reasons, Pandit Misra states that there were at present diverse agencies working for the welfare of the villagers in more or less watertight compartments and the need of democratic village organisation co-ordinating all activities impinging on village life had long been felt.

The object of the Bill is to create such a democratic village organisation pulsating with life which would serve as the unit of administration. The new Gram Panchayat will be the unit not only for the purpose of local administration but it will also be the unit for all manner of collective activity, social, political and economic, calculated to benefit the rural population. It is proposed to replace the present Village Panchayat Act by an entirely new measure

Election Method

Provision is made for the compulsory establishment of Gram Panchayats in villages with a population of 1,000 persons or over. With a view to guarding against the possibility of the Gram Panchayats being under the control or influence of one notable family in the village or one community it is proposed to divide the village into various wards for the purpose of the election of the Panchas.

Incidentally, this provision will enable the minority communities, like the Muslims and Harijans, to secure representation, as the members of these communities generally reside in separate localities.

The term of the new Panchas will be five years. The first Panchayats will be nominated by Government and will hold office for a period of three years. The president of the Panchayat, called the Sarpanch, will be elected by all the voters in the village on the lines of the president of the U.S.A. and not by the members of the Panchayats only. He will be removable by a bare majority.

Nyaya Panchayats

The duties of the Gram Panchayats have been considerably widened. Gram Panchayats will be relieved of all judicial work which will be entrusted to new bodies called Nyaya Panchayats. The chairman of the Nyaya Panchayat will be minated by the Provincial Government on the recommendation of the District Council from amongst the members of the Panchayat. Provision has been made to empower selected Nyaya Panchayats which have proved themselves to be efficient to try civil suits up to the value of Rs. 500.

The power of the Deputy Commissioner to quash proceedings has been taken away and provision has been made for revision in all cases to the District and Sessions Judge. Provision is made for the appointment of a Director of Panchayats and one or more Deputy Directors. Provision has also been made for the transfer, management and maintenance of a forest or irrigation work to Gram Panchayats.

MRS. PANDIT SELLS KHADDAR

GORAKHPUR, (By Mail)

Khadi worth Rs 2128 was sold in half an hour by the Hon. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Minister for local self-Government, while she opened the Khaddar Bandar at Gorakhpur lately. The audience swarmed like bees to purchase khaddar from the Minister.

Earlier addressing the audience Mrs. Pandit made a impressive appeal to patronise the Khadi industry. Khadi would play a great in the liberation of the motherland from the bondage of slavery. She also informed the people that during her last visit to Europe she found khaddar being sold in foreign countries especially the artistic designs.—A. P

During the month of March 1939 sales of Post Office Cash Certificates amounted to approximately Rs. 1,18,97,000 against Rs. 1,08,58,000 in March 1938, and Rs. 99,47,000 in March, 1937.—United Press.

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CORPORATION VACANCIES

When Temporary Appointments Can Be Made

A Bill enabling the Bombay Municipal Corporation to make a temporary appointment to fill a vacancy pending appointment of a qualified person, is shortly coming up for consideration before the Corporation.

In the absence this enabling power, the following two appointments have been kept vacant:—The Deputy Municipal Commissioner and Deputy City Engineer.

Bombay City Municipal Act Amendment Bill

A Bill to amend the City of Bombay Municipal Act of 1888 is published in "The Bombay Government Gazette" issued on Wednesday.

Among the objects and reasons are stated:—

Under Section 80B of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, which was introduced into that Act by Bombay Act XIII of 1938, appointments to any of the posts, the power of appointment to which vests in the Corporation, cannot now be made unless the person appointed possesses certain qualifications which are to be specified in rules made by the Corporation for the purposes of the Section and sanctioned by the Provincial Government.

ACTING APPOINTMENTS.

Acting appointments made under Section 85 of the Act are excluded from the scope of Section 80B, but under Section 85 no acting appointments can be made where the vacancy has occurred in a permanent post through death or retirement, and Section 80B as it stands at present would prevent the Corporation from making any temporary appointment to fill a vacancy pending an appointment of a qualified person in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Section.

It is, however, anticipated that cases may arise in which it would not be expedient to delay the filling up of the vacancy and to await the regular appointment under Section 80B (2) without impairing the efficiency of the administration and it is, therefore, considered necessary that the Corporation should have power to make a temporary appointment for the interim period. The object of the present Bill is to confer upon the Corporation the power of making such a Temporary appointment.

KAYASTHA PRABHUS' BABY DAY

The C. K. Prabhu community celebrated their first Baby day at Dadar on Saturday, the 15th April 1939, under the presidentship of Mrs. Hirabai Callan Vaidya, B. A. A large number of members of the community was present, distinguished amongst those being Lady Pradhan, Mr. Callan Vaidya, Mr. A. B. Vaidya, Solicitor, Raosaheb Patankar, Mrs. S. G. Gupte, Mrs. Indirabbai Kulkarni and Mrs. Dikshit, B. A. The president distributed the trophies to the first seven babies.

Nearly 150 babies were presented for the medical test carried out by a panel of eminent doctors of the Community which included Dr. V. S. Gupte, Dr. S. D. Ambegaonkar, Dr. M. G. Pradhan, Dr. V. B. Mohile and Dr. D. R. Chaubal. There was an exhibition specially arranged and the Bombay Branch of Baby and Health Week Association and Bombay Social Hygiene Council gave a Cine-show through the kind co-operation of Mr. P. G. Mandlik and Dr. Marathe.

Mrs. Saralkar welcomed the guests and Miss Kulkarni read messages from the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, the Premier of Bombay, the Hon. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, the Hon. Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit in which they appreciated the work of the Bombay Kayastha Prabhoos.

RPESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President in her address dwelt on the rights of the child granted to him by the Declaration of Geneva and the compulsory medical examination of the children. She said that the annual grant of the Bombay Municipality of Rs. 30,000 was too poor a contribution for the Child-Welfare activities. She bitterly complained about the lax in the administration of the Bombay Prevention of Food Aulteration Act. She emphasised the need of re-instituting Nutrition Officers for the propaganda work. She recommended cow's milk and goat's milk as the best fitted for the babies. An appeal to have a census of the community was earnestly made.

Life 'Chief Agents' Association

Chief agents of Life Assurance Companies all over the country have combined themselves by forming an institution to be called the All-India (Life) Chief Agents' Association. The need for such an institution was felt during the passage of the Insurance Bill recently.

The object of the Association is to create and foster harmonious relations among and to protect the interests of all the Chief Agents of Indian Life Offices, and to co-ordinate ideas and efforts with a view to promoting the companies' business.

At the preliminary meeting, attended by several members from all parts of India, Mr. A. C. Sen, one of the oldest Insurance men of Calcutta, was elected President for the current year, and Mr. J. D. Medora, of the Chief Agency Office of Messrs. D. J. Medora and Company of Ahmedabad, as Honorary Secretary.

A representative committee of ten Chief Agents from different provinces was also formed at the meeting.

Words of Wisdom
Nature
There is laughter in the woodlands and there's laughter in the trees, there is laughter in the sunshine and there's laughter in the breeze. There's a smile in every hedgerow, there's a lilt in every line, on the far away horizon, there is happiness divine. It is found in waving meadows, where the wind so softly blows, there is cause for your rejoicing in every flower that grows. So take joy from things around you, have the wisdom to assess the gifts that have been sent you for your earthly happiness.
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Film Fare For The Week

A scene from "Ride A Crooked Mile," exciting crime film, starring Akim Tamiroff, at Eros.

Film Journalists Declare "Adhikar" Best Indian Film Of 1938

That "Adhikar," the New Theatres' film, directed by P. C. Barua and starring Barua, Jamuna and Menaka, is the best Indian film of 1938, is the verdict of a Blind Ballot held by the Film Journalists' Association of India. Only members of the Association who are all film critics or writers closely connected with the film industry, were allowed to vote. The result was declared at a Special General Meeting of the Association, held on Thursday, the 20th instant, with Mr. Baburao Patel, the President of the Association in the Chair.

The Ballot, we understand, was closely contested, "Adhikar" winning by a small but definite majority.

CRITERION OF JUDGMENT

In arriving at their decision, the member were specially asked to keep in mind the relative merits of the pictures from the points of view of:—

(1) Correct reproduction and interpretation of Indian life and culture.

(2) A healthy and progressive outlook on social problems.

(3) Proper direction and technical excellence.

(4) Histrionic performances of the chief artistes as seen in this picture.

(5) Story, scenario and dialogue.

(6) Any original feature.

A Bronze Medal, suitably inscribed and to be known as the "Film Journalists' Award" will be awarded to the Producer of the best film every year. The medal for "Adhikar" as the best film of 1938 will be presented to Mr. B. N. Sircar of New Theatres, Ltd., on the occasion of the forthcoming Motion Picture Congress.

APPEAL TO JOURNALISTS

At the Special General Meeting which was well-attended, Mr. Baburao Patel appealed to all Film Journalists to join the Association. He also reviewed the work done by the Association so far, which, in the course of 33 days, includes the holding of the Ballot, framing of resolutions for the Film Journalists' Conference, publication of a book on anti-Indian film, entitled "Stop This Slander" and the preparation of a scheme to supply a series of articles on film topics to the Indian Press.

CINE AMATEUR'S SUCCESS IN U. S. A.

M. Desai's Film "Ajanta Comes To Life" Wins Gold Medal

News has just reached here that a 16mm colour film taken by Mr. M. Desai, well-known photographer of Bombay, "Ajanta Comes to Life," has been awarded a gold medal in an International sub-standard Cine Film competition in America. The film has been also chosen for circulation among American Cine Societies as the best sub-standard colour film of the year.

The film which was shown to a few friends and critics before being sent abused depicts the history of Indian dancing from the primitive stage to the present so-called Indian dancing which is manifestly under the influence of the West. It incorporates some dance films of well-known artistes in India as also of some amateur girls from Bombay. The film is complete 16mm colour, silent, and special gramophone records were chosen and sent with it as a background music. It ends with the present dances almost westernised, the technique which is far different from the old dances of the East. Mr. Desai is trying to get it printed into 35mm film to enable him to show it in some theatres in India as well as abroad.

Gracie Fields At Regal

"Keep Smiling", New Comedy This Week

Gracie Fields has never given her millions of followers a greater feast of fun than she does in her second 20th Century-Fox release, "Keep Smiling". From the first riotous moment, when we meet her as a burlesque "tommy", having difficulty with her uniform, to the last triumphant scene at a luxury beach pavilion, she is the life and soul of the bright screen comedy.

Monty Banks, director of Gracie's last tremendous success, "We're Going to Be Rich", has again derived the utmost from his story and cast.

The story of "Keep Smiling" provides filmgoers with a refreshing tonic. A riotous show is being staged in a provincial theatre by a touring music-hall troupe, with Gracie Fields as their star, Their manager, played by Joe Mott, has agreed to give charity the proceeds, but is discovered attempting to keep most of the money himself. Gracie leads the troupe in rebellion and they walk out on Mott. Penniless, they determine to start their own company. Gracie takes them all to her grandfather's farm. Avis (Mary Maguire), the troupe's soubrette; Bert (Roger Livesey)' the pianist; Denis (Jack Donohue); and six other members of the company go with Gracie to the farm. They completely upset the routine of the place with their rehearsals in the open air, infuriating old Silas Gray (Edward Rigby). It is a stray dog (Skippy, of "Thin Man" fame) who eventually helps the troupe to success at a seaside pavilion, but only after the villainous manager has been severely dealt with, romance has flourished between Avis and a celebrated pianist (Peter Coke) and the love of Bert for Gracie has been declared. Gracie Fields has never been better served musically than in this film and gives a magnificent performance. Her numbers are widely varied, from "The Holy City", which she sings in a village church, to "Mrs. Binns' Twins", which she sings at a performance given by the "Keep Smiling" troupe in a riverside showboat.

ADOLPH MENJOU
in "King of the Turf," to be seen next week at Excelsior.

RACKETEERING 'A LA MODE'!

"Ride A Crooked Mile" At Eros

A new form of racketeering—so brazen that it is hard to believe it can exist in civilized America—forms the basis of the new thrill-drama, "Ride a Crooked Mile," seen this week at the Eros Theatre. It might be called "super-rustling," but differs so greatly from the rustling shown in the familiar Western films that few moviegoers will recognize it as such.

"Super-rustling" means the theft of prize cattle through the use of the most modern implements of transportation and communication. Tamiroff, the "super-rustler" in this drama stalks his prey by night in swift airplanes, gives directions to his ground crew by means of short-wave radio and has the loot carted away in swift, ultra-modern trucks. He even maintains a complete packing establishment to turn the cattle into marketable meat!

ELEANOR POWELL,
dancing star, whose film "Honolulu" is continued for second week.

"The story of the picture is based on actual happenings" says Moffitt, the author, "Few people realize how fast this new racket has developed with the motorization of American life. The old days, when horses were used to cut out part of herds, are over! The modern bandits use the latest scientific trucks to make away with the cattle in a hurry, change brand-marks so that they will never be recognized and market the stolen property without running afoul of the law. Millions of dollars worth of stock have been rustled during the past few years under this new system. It is far more vicious and just as picturesque as the old form of rustling, but "Ride a Crooked Mile" marks the first time it has been dealt with on the screen."

The picture features Akim Tamiroff, Lief Erikson and Frances Farmer in a stirring story of a racket-chief who tries to rule his son's life and break up his romance by the same methods he uses on his underworld henchmen.

"Going Places", This Week

Dick Powell Comedy At Excelsior

"Going Places", which is seen this week at Excelsior Theatre, is a highly hilarious farce with music, with Dick Powell and Anita Louise heading the cast.

The name of Powell suggests that there must be some music in the picture, and that supposition is right, for there are four new songs in the piece, but, with the exception of one romantic ballad, even the song numbers contribute to the general hilarity, for those other three are all highly diverting novelty numbers.

Because of the demonstration of his comic gifts he gave in "Cowboy From Brooklyn," it is no surprise this time to see Powell enacting a role which is pure comedy from start to finish. Again he proves that he knew what he was doing when he decided to give up straight romantic leading men roles and concentrate on comedy.

In "Going Places," he sets the pace—and a fast and furious pace it is—for as skilful an aggregation of comedians as has ever been gathered together in one production. Notable among the funny men are Allen Jenkins Walter Catlett, Harold Huber and Thurston Hall, and they all live up to their reputations.

Miss Louise is, of course, Powell's romantic vis-a-vis and it is not her job to be funny but to be desirable and sympathetic And she demonstrates that she can be just as warm and appealing as her loveliness to the eye promises.

GEORGE MURPHY &
MARJORIE WEAVER
in "Hold That Co-Ed" coming next week to the Regal.

COOPER AND COLBERT AT PALACE

"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife"

Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper form a brilliant comedy team in the Ernst Lubitsch production, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," a Paramount picture set against the background of Europe's gayest pleasure spots, which is revived at The Palace this week. The story tells about a much-married American multi-millionaire who is subdued and put into a strait jacket by his eighth wife, whom he marries for a new thrill.

After becoming the bride of the much-married financier, Miss Colbert, a penniless French aristocrat, starts out on a campaign to bring him to his knees. She pays no attention to him, repulses his advances and generally remains cold and aloof. Bluebeard, accustomed to having his own way with women, falls madly in love with the one who spurns him. The story then reaches a surprising climax.

A scene from "Keep Smiling," starring Gracie Fields, at Regal.

Stewart, Lombard In "Made For Each Other" At Empire

James Stewart and Carole Lombard are starred together in "Made For Each Other", the new Selznick picture which opened last night at New Empire.

The new film drama not only introduces a new screen starring team, but it brings Miss Lombard forward in a type of role far removed from the cycle of daffy and nit-wit characterizations which have brought her to the top of the screen's list of comediennes. Miss Lombard, in a word, looking more beautiful and arresting than ever, plays a straight dramatic role—and she does it stirringly and brilliantly. James Stewart, of course, turns out a first rate performance

The story introduces us to Jane and Johnny Mason, a young couple deeply in love. Marriage follows a whirlwind courtship, and although the sweethearts are dedicated to the proposition that they are "made for each other", the patterns of everyday life catch up with them. First there is the problem of Johnny's mother, devoted to her son and not easily cast aside to make way for his new happiness. Mrs. Mason comes to live with the young Masons, and the little apartment becomes crowded—there are rifts and veiled carpings which spring up between the two generations.

When a baby is born to the happy pair, all troubles seem to fade in the sweep of their joy and ecstacy. But this too is short-lived. Johnny, a promising young attorney, fails to get a junior partnership in the firm. Instead, he is asked to take a cut. Disappointment, jarred nerves, economic stress leave their mark. Divorce is imminent when real tragedy stalks across the personal drama of the youthful Masons. A thrilling race against death ensues, and the picture moves grippingly to a smash-hit climax, one more moving and piognant than has been seen on the screen in many moons.

JUNGLE PICTURE AT PATHE

"Booloo" Revived This Week

The weirdest religious rite of the tribesmen who inhabit the Malayan jungles will be seen on the screen in "Booloo," Paramount's new jungle drama, which is revived this week at the Pathe Theatre. Dating back to time immemorial, the ceremony consists of the sacrifice of a beautiful young maiden to a white tiger, who is said to be worshipped by the voodoo-mad savages as a God.

According to Clyde E. Elliott, producer and director of "Booloo," this strange rite once formed the corner-stone of the religion of the Sakai savages. The white tiger, a mysterious phenomenon of the jungle, has always been held sacred by the superstitious natives, who believe that he can only be appeased by the sacrifice of the fairest daughter of the tribe. Elliott says that although the British authorities have succeeded in stamping out the practice throughout most of the Malay Peninsula, explorers report that in the trackless regions of the back-country the rite is still performed on occasions.

As pictured in "Booloo," which Elliott filmed in the heart of the Malayan jungle, the ceremony begins when the twenty most beautiful maidens of the tribe are seated in a circle about a sacrificial fire. The chief medicine man and his two assistants begin a weird dance, which grows stranger and more hysterical each minute. Meanwhile the girls wait in breathless terror as the medicine men decide which of them is to be made the victim.

This jungle ceremony forms the basis of "Booloo's" romantic story. Collin Tapley, a young English adventurer, witnesses the rites and in a daring action sequence rescues the girl from the tiger and fights for her against the wrath of the outraged Malay.

ELEANOR POWELL HAS HER OWN "DANCE LABORATORY"

Eleanor Powell hit upon a plan to simplify her work of dance creation for "Honolulu," in which she is appearing for second week at the Metro Theatre. She had all of her dances photographed in slow motion and installed a "dance laboratory" in her Beverly Hills home, equipped with a projection machine. By studying the dances executed by herself in slow motion she evolves new variations of the triple, the pick-up, the jump and the drag without the necessity of executing them repeatedly.

BRITISH COMEDY AT BROADWAY

The Crazy Gang bring their antics to the screen in the new Gainsbrough picture "ALF'S BUTTON AFLOAT," showing this week at The Broadway, Dadar.

The film gives unlimited rein to the irresistible slapstick, gag-pulling genius for which this "crazy" sextet—Flanagan and Allen, Nervo and Knox, Naughton and Gold has become so universally renowned and beloved. They are

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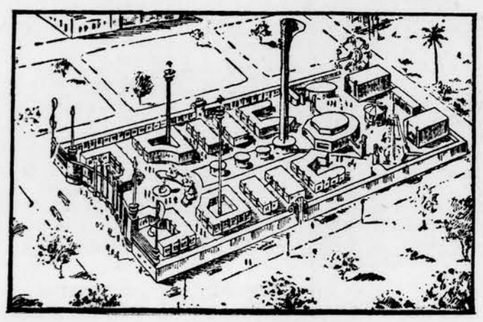
Anita Luise and Dick Powel in "Going Places," musical comedy, at Excelsior.



The Indian Motion Picture Congress is to be held in Bombay during the last week of this month. On this occasion an extensive film exhibition is being organized.

The drawing shows how the exhibition grounds will look like when the construction is completed. Preliminary work in this connection has already been started.

James Stewart and Carole Lombard in "Made For Each Other," at New Empire.

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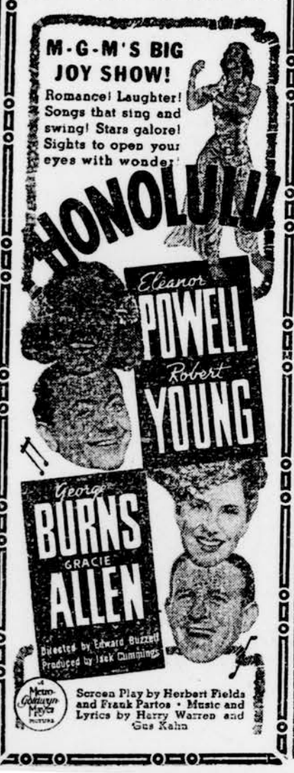
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Peshawar Lucknow (Exp.)	6 15	23 00
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Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9 15	20 45
Madras Express	10 15	15 00
Poona Mail	10 30	17 30
Punjab Mail	11 40	18 45
Nagpur Express	14 5	21 25
Poona Fast (Pass.)	16 50	11 50
Poona Express	19 32	8 05
Allahabad Express	20 25	7 00
*Deccan Queen	10 35	17 15
	Mon.	Fri.

*Will not run until after end of April 1939, except before and after important holidays.

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Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13 50
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Gujarat Mail	6 45	22 00
Kathiawar Mail	7 25	21 30
Frontier Mail	8 15	21 15
	(Mon	(Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9 48	15 10
The Flying Ranee, Surat	10 58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	22 30
Kathiawar Express	18 45	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 33	9 25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

ARRIVALS AT BALLARD PIER

	Arr.
Frontier Mail (On Saturdays only for Homeward Passengers)	8 40

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Latest hours of posting at the G.P.O.:—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 7-30 a.m. Departures from Juhu 10-15 a.m.

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Departure from Juhu:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7-45 a.m.

Arrivals:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6-15 p.m.

Bombay—Trivandrum—Trichinopoly

Planes call at Goa, Cannanore and Trivandrum.

Departures from Juhu: Monday 8 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu: Wesdnesday, 3-15 p.m.

Bombay—Poona—Kolhapur

Departures from Juhu: Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 7-30 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu:—Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon.

Departures from Juhu: Monday a Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon.

Departure from Juhu 1-30 p.m.

Colombo—Bombay (Juhu)

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9-45 a.m. Delivery: Sunday 12-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1 p.m.

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Delivery: Tuesday, Wesdnesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Bombay (via Calcutta)—Hongkong China and Japan

Latest hour of posting: Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Hongkong—Bombay (via Calcutta)

Delivery: Tuesday and Saturday 1 p.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—Delhi

Planes call at Indore, Bhopal and Gwalior.

Departures from Juhu: Monday and Thursday, 6-30 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday and Tuesday 1-55 p.m.

Bombay—Kathiawar

Planes call at Bhavnagar, Rajkot Jamnagar and Porebunder.

PHOENIX MILL INQUIRY

Labour Officer's Evidence

BOMBAY, Friday.

Enquiry into the dispute connected with the Phoenix Mill strike was resumed, to-day before the Hon. Mr. Justice Divatia to whom the dispute is referred for arbitration.

Mr. M. P. C. La Bourchardiere, Government Labour Officer who was examined stated that when he visited the Phoenix Mill in the night on the 11th instant, he found a state of dead-lock. He enquired into the grievances of the employees and was told that the management had closed down the mill arbitrarily. The women employees of the mill had their own grievances.

The Labour Officer further stated that he asked the mill authorities if they would re-open the mill the next day if the workers agreed to vacate the mill premises peacefully on the 11th instant. The mill authorities were not prepared for this suggestions for reasons of their own.

Mr. Bourchardiere further stated that a suggestion was made, at this stage, by the Labour Officer of the Mill Owners' Association that the matter could be taken to a third party for conciliation. As the Government Labour Officer found that there was no possibility of the deadlock being solved by any other means on the 11th instant, he agreed to the suggestion for the reference of the dispute to a third party for conciliation. He later left the mill premises.

WEAVING MASTER'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Gokhale, Weaving Master, in his evidence said that after the notice regarding the closure of the mill had been put up, the employees seemed to bear a grudge against him. He apprehended trouble from them. So he avoided entering any department from the 2nd instant.

Questioned by Mr. Dange of the Grini Kamgar Union as to why he apprehended molestation from the mill workers, Mr. Gokhale said that he had experience of the rowdyism of the workers. They had actually attacked him on a previous occasion.

In reply to another question, the Weaving Master said that though he was not entering any of the departments from the 2nd instant, he was keeping himself in touch with the developments in the mill. He was aware of the grievances of the workers. He tried as far as possible to remove the grievances of workers by meeting their demands.

Mr. Nimbkar asked Mr. Gokhale why all the workers had a grievance against him only.

Mr. Gokhale:—"I do not know."

WORKERS' HOSTILE ATTITUDE

The Assistant Spinning Master of the Mill in his evidence stated that he was aware of the hostile attitude of the workers towards Mr. Gokhale, the Weaving Master. Mr. Dange asked how he could be aware of this. The witness replied that the workers were refusing to carry out his own (witness's) instructions. This made him feel that the workers were hostile to Mr. Gokhale also.

Mr. Dange:—"If the workers refuse to carry out your instructions, it means that the workers are hostile to you and not to Mr. Gokhale".

The Assistant Spinning Master said that he had sufficient reasons to believe that the workers were hostile to Mr. Gokhale also.

SECRETARY INTERVENES

Mr. Modi, Secretary of the Mill said that he was definitely aware of the fact that the attitude of the workers had changed after the notice announcing the closure of the Mill from April 16. The attitude was one of hostility towards him and Mr. Gokhale. The Secretary next recapitulated the facts connected with the strike and its developments as mentioned in the written statement filed by him yesterday.

Mr. Modi alleged that the labour leaders had instigated the Mill employees against him and Mr. Gokhale. He had heard the speeches of the labour leaders intended to incite the workers.

NIMBKAR'S QUESTIONS

Cross-questioned by Mr. Nimbkar the Mill Secretary said he had not met Mr. Nimbkar before though he had seen him. He further stated that on the 5th instant a meeting of Mill workers was addressed by labour leaders opposite the Mill gates. He could hear the speeches from the first floor of the Mill where he was standing

Mr. Nimbkar:—"Who were the speakers who addressed the meeting on the 5th instant"?

Mr. Modi:—"Mr. Dange, Mrs. Dange, Mr. Nimbkar and Mr. Patkar."

Mr. Nimbkar:—"Suppose it is proved that I and Mr. Dange did not address the meeting on the 5th instant as stated by you, what have you got to say?"

Mr. Modi:—"I led to believe that you and Mr. Nimbkar addressed the meeting."

Mr. Nimbkar:—"Who led you to believe it?"

Mr. Modi:—"My eyes. I am sure you and Mr. Dange addressed the meeting.

Mr. Nimbkar:—"Did the workers molest you at any time when you were in office?"

Mr. Modi:—"No".

The Mill Secretary was cross-questioned at some length regarding the incidents on the day of the strike.

Questioned by the Hon. Mr. Justice Divatia, Mr. Ramnivas Ruia, Agent of the Mill said that the object of the management in closing down the Mill was not to get rid of the present staff and then to reopen the Mill with fresh staff on lower wages as alleged by the Kamgar Union. The Mill was being closed down due to trade depression. When the Mill would be reopened the Mill authorities would be prepared to take back such of the old workers as had a good record of service.

The enquiry concluded in the evening. The arbitrator is expected to give his award before May 12.

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Stray Thoughts On Bombay Government Activities

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The Government of Bombay deserve congratulations for their all-round attempts for the amelioration of the people under their charge. The different Ministers have shown marked energies in their respective departments and if their subordinates improve their efficiency in proportion, good results would soon follow. The attempts made by the Ministry require to be properly understood by the people and persons interested should offer constructive criticism and ideas. I would confine myself for the present to the attempts of the Ministry in the direction of meeting the growing unemployment of the educated and the relief of indebted agriculturists. I have noticed that it is proposed to have a large area of land in the Panch Mahals or any other district made available for the colonisation of Educated Unemployed. The idea is really grand, if the requisite people be found willing to take advantage of it. It would be interesting to ascertain if any educated people have actually taken to this profession and the results attained by them. The Agricultural College of Poona has turned out a large number of graduates during all these years, some of whom have been fortunate in securing Government service either in the Agricultural or Revenue Department. I do not know whether this training has been of any use to the Revenue Department, and it would be of interest to know what national good has been promoted by the Agricultural Department so far. There are some graduates in agriculture who have taken to land in different districts and it will be of interest to ascertain if their work has received any recognition by the Department or the public. If the eye of the authorities be turned towards the work of such individuals, some light will be thrown on this particular problem. The idea of a colony is grand but shall we have the people to colonise? Some years back I had given publicity to an idea of an educational institution combining book learning and industry. It was called Sharda and Udyoga Bhavan. The idea was widely ventilated and I received a solitary application from a Gujarati final man to join it and a promise of co-operation from a single solitary individual. I had also a High School under my control and to attract the attention of the students to something beyond their books I had a carpentry class in charge of a competent teacher. Not a single teacher in the school, graduate or otherwise took any interest in it and the students avoided it with the result that the teacher had to give up his task in disappointment. I know that much water has flown since then but even now, people are rare to take advantage of institutions where some sort of manual work is essential. The parents have yet to understand the value of such work. If the authorities made any inquiries into the work done by educated people—graduates in agriculture or others—on land, it would be found that some sort of sympathetic assistance might give us some demonstration farms. My experience is that such people require co-operation. I have a farm not far from here—on the main R. M. Line—worked by my son who is a graduate in agriculture, and I should not be surprised if some Revenue Officers did not even know of the existence of it. Some Agricultural Officers occasionally go to the farm and offer their advice and co-operation, but the villagers round about perhaps do not know of co-operation offered by us. Even the orthodox co-operators have not appreciated some of our offers. As we are situated on the main railway line within an easy access of the city, we devised a scheme for the distribution of fresh milk and vegetables, but the schemes met with premature death. The orthodox co-operators have their plans chalked out. The present Government has elaborated some scheme and a thousand men are to be trained for this sort of village work and one would be glad to learn the result of this experiment. A special Development Commissioner and his staff will be nominated at an early date. The Co-operative Department is to be reorganised under a sympathetic chief. The assistance of Honorary Organisers and Arbitrators is requisitioned. The new army is to be maintained on a magnificent salary of Rs. 25 per month per head. The individual will be supposed to have training in the co-operative and village uplift work and may be the secretary of the Village Panchayat. Mahatma Gandhi has certainly created a band of selfless and silent workers, but we have to take the world as it exists. As regards the new Educational Colonisation Scheme, I am prepared to have two or three such people on my farm to work on the proposed line. The land is being cultivated every year and it will be easier to find out whether educated people are willing to work on the land. My individual experience is that educated people shun the idea of a village life, but that may be prehistoric.

Regarding the indebted cultivators, it is questionable whether merely scaling down the debts or even insolvency of the agriculturists will resuscitate him. An all-round scheme is required. I had suggested to the Provincial Banking Inquiry Committee that a moratorium should be first promulgated and a resuscitation scheme be taken in hand at once. I would suggest that a landless agriculturist should be provided with land or work on land, facilities of cultivation, irrigation, manure, and good quality seeds be provided and arrangements for the proper marketing of the produces be made. Due provision should be made for the ordinary needs of the villagers. If I had anything to do in this line, I would make a thorough list of the requirements for a year, and first acquire out of the local produce these requirements to be subsequently distributed among the villagers. A certain quantity of fodder and foodstuffs can be easily procured at a fairly reasonable price. I would assist the villagers in the purchase and upkeep of milk cattle and arrange the sale of their milk products in co-operation with the large consumers like Hospitals and Mills if such co-operation is forthcoming. This will be on the line of a village store and village market. Sometime back I had put forth such a marketing scheme before some friends and the late Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala of the Central Bank of India had promised his support if properly organised.

These are some ideas for what they are worth.—Yours, etc.,

J. V. DESAI.

Ahmedabad,
April, 15.

An Archaeological Monument

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—This is just to take advantage of the hospitality of your paper for an attempt to save the ancient monument of Ramtek, 30 miles from Nagpur, from being spoiled any further. The entrance to the temple premises appears to have been built after the cannons given in Mansar and its planning is after the principles of Navaratna plan. The inner courtyard has an impressive arch of the Pratoli type and stands by itself like the Kirti Dvar often found in such places of ancient origin.

Now in surroundings of such pure oriental architecture there is in the process of cropping up an ugly brick structure with semi-circular arches and piers, absolutely out of tune with the existing old structures producing a jarring note, which is sure to be repulsive to all those who go there to get a glimpse of what ancient Indian Architecture is and stands for. As it is, there are so many other excrescences like the residential cottages that require demolition. But they are more or less subdued, while the one that is under construction is simply intolerable. I tried to impress upon the custodians of the sacredness of the temple the crime they are committing against Indian Architecture. They all appeared to have agreed with me in disallowing that brick structure. But their look had an impress of helplessness.

I appeal to the authorities concerned, firstly to take immediate steps to dismantle the discordant structure and secondly to devise means by which further spoiling of the purity of Ramtek Architecture may be rendered impossible. I am tempted to go a step further and request them to improve the whole premises by removing all those buildings that have come into being as excrescences created perhaps by priests as residences and thus make the whole monument impressively ancient-looking as it really is.—Yours, etc.

VIRENDRARAY MEHTA.

Suburban Railway Accommodation

To The Editor of "The Chronicle,"

Sir,—The Agent and General Manager, B. B. & C. I. Rly. and General Manager, G.I.P. Railway have published a notice in your valued paper explaining the reason of the recently increased the marked capacity of passengers in Suburban coaches with a view to remove any misconception on the part of some of the travelling public as to railway's intention in making the alteration.

It appears that they have done under the existing provisions of the Indian Railways Act and it is upto the Legislative Assembly to alter the rules. But there are two most important factors which need the attention of railways.

Firstly when they say that the same applies in all the great cities of the world such as New York, Paris, etc., may I ask them is there no support provided for standing passengers? Are there no strong leather straps hanging in coaches in these cities? If the reply is affirmative, which is certain, have our railways provided the same in Bombay? If not will it be explained?

The other important aspect is that in foreign countries attendants are posted in every coach and particularly the doors of all fast trains close either automatically or the attendant closes them. Then why are doors of our suburban coaches not closed and are there no cases of innocent passengers falling out of running fast trains as there is too much overcrowding near the entrance and will the railway authorities explain what protection and safeguard they have provided against this danger of life which we often hear?—Yours, etc.,

A SUBURBAN TRAVELLER.

Bombay, April 21.

All-India Weather

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, April 21.

The following are the maximum minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at various stations during twenty-four hours ending 8 a.m. to-day:—

Station	Temperature Max	Temperature Min.	Rainfall Past 24 Hours	Rainfall Total Since 1st April	Rainfall Difference to Normal
Agra	98	61	—	—	—0.2
Amraoti	104	75	—	—	—0.1
Akola	103	77	—	0.6	+0.5
Ahmedabad	97	68	—	—	—
Ajmer	94	65	—	—	—0.1
Ahmednagar	97	67	—	0.5	+0.3
Ambala	95	59	—	0.4	—0.1
Allahabad	102	69	—	0.4	+0.3
Benares	102	71	—	—	—0.1
Bareilly	98	63	—	—	—0.2
BOMBAY	87	74	—	—	—
Bangalore	90	65	1.3	6.0	+5.3
Bhopal	100	75	—	—	—
Baroda	98	66	—	—	—
Belgaum	88	65	—	0.4	—0.7
Bahawalpore	95	60	—	—	—0.2
Bijapur	98	71	—	0.4	—
Bellary	99	75	—	1.3	+0.9
Bhavnagar	94	68	—	—	—0.1
Chittagong	90	80	—	3.9	+1.2
Calcutta	103	82	—	1.5	+0.4
Cuttack	102	78	—	—	—0.9
Cawnpore	103	68	—	—	—0.1
Calicut	91	79	—	6.9	+5.0
Colombo	88	79	T	8.4	+2.2
Cocanada	100	80	—	0.5	+0.2
Cochin	88	81	T	9.7	+6.7
Dehra Dun	90	57	—	0.5	—0.3
Delhi	96	63	—	—	—0.3
Dehra I. Khan	93	59	—	0.6	—0.1
Darjeeling	69	56	—	0.5	—1.5
Desa	97	62	—	—	—
Dalhousie	—	—	—	3.0	+0.4
Fort Sandeman	76	51	—	0.7	—0.2
Gorakhpur	104	71	—	0.1	—0.2
Hyderabad (Dn.)	100	75	0.4	0.9	—
Hyderabad (Sd.)	98	66	—	—	—
Indore	98	70	—	—	—0.1
Jhansi	99	68	—	—	—0.1
Jubbulpore	103	69	—	—	—0.1
Jacobabad	96	59	—	—	—0.2
Jaipur	95	62	—	—	—0.1
Karachi	89	73	—	0.1	—0.1
Kodaikanal	70	56	—	5.0	+2.2
Khandwa	103	75	—	—	—
Lucknow	102	65	—	—	—0.2
Ludhiana	95	58	—	0.4	—0.3
Lahore	93	58	—	0.1	—0.3
Lyallpur	92	61	—	—	—0.4
Multan	95	62	—	—	—0.2
Mysore	92	71	0.1	1.7	+0.5
Madras	97	79	T	5.2	+3.9
Marmagoa	85	76	—	0.1	—
Malegaon	100	67	—	—	—
Mussoorie	71	53	—	0.5	—0.5
Mahableshwar	77	59	—	0.7	—0.1
Murree	61	47	—	2.7	—0.6
Mount Abu	80	63	—	—	—
Masulipatam	97	77	—	0.1	—0.3
Mandalay	103	82	—	0.6	—
Mangalore	89	77	—	4.8	+4.0
Meerut	—	—	—	—	—0.3
Mergara	81	64	—	1.0	—0.5
Nagpur	107	83	—	0.3	—0.1
Ootacamund	71	55	0.1	1.9	+0.5
Patna	102	79	—	0.4	—0.1
Peshawar	87	74	—	0.6	—0.9
Poona	92	67	—	0.1	—0.2
Pachmarhi	93	70	—	—	—0.1
Port Blair	90	76	0.4	1.8	+1.2
Ranchi	100	71	—	0.5	—0.1
Rawalpindi	84	52	—	1.5	—0.1
Rangoon	99	—	T	0.1	—0.6
Ratnagiri	85	74	—	0.1	—
Rajkot	97	64	—	—	—
Sialkot	89	64	—	0.9	+0.2
Srinagar	69	40	—	1.8	—1.0
Sholapur	101	76	—	0.2	—
Shillong	84	62	—	—	—3.6
Simla	60	51	—	1.4	—
Surat	89	69	—	—	—
Salem	99	77	—	3.2	+2.2
Trichinopoly	100	79	—	4.9	+4.3
Trivandrum	89	81	—	5.6	+3.0
Vizagapatam	94	81	—	—	—0.4

T indicates rainfall of 1 to 4 Cents.

WEATHER REPORT

POONA, April 21.

Isolated thundershowers occurred in Mysore, Madras Deccan, South Hyderabad and Assam. Temperatures were markedly above normal in Bengal and Assam and appreciably below normal in parts of Baluchistan, West Rajputana, Gujarat, North Bombay, Deccan.

Chief amounts of rainfall:—Bangalore one and a half inches; Port Blair, Dibrugarh and Hyderabad (Deccan) half; Sibsagar and Rentichinala quarter.—A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 21-4-1939.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours +.046 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 80.0 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 71.6 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 87.2 degrees 1.7 (below normal).

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 74.4 degrees 2.3 (below normal).

Relative Humidity at 8 a.m. 64 p.c.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. WNW.

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 5 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 114 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 19 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 4.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 21-4-39.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 81.9 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.12 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.92 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

ALLEGED CIRCULATION OF FALSE BALANCE SHEET

Shamdasani's Suit Against Bank Of India

Charges were framed by Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, the Presidency Magistrate, Fifth Court, Dadar, in the case filed by Mr. P. D. Samdasani against (1) the Central Bank of India Ltd., (2) A. B. Dubash, (3) Haridas Madhavdas, (4) Dinshaw D. Romer, (5) Vithal Das Kanji, (6) Sir Dosabhai Hormusji Bhiwadiwala (Directors), (7) H. C. Captain, Manager, (8) A. S. Balshekhar (Sub-Manager), (9) J. B. Pastakia, (10) N. N. Photographer (Accountant), (11) A. Ferguson and Co., (12) S. B. Billimoria and Co., (Auditors).

Accused No. 1 was charged with having issued, circulated and published its Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1937 and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1937 which did not comply with the requirements laid down by and under Section 132 read with regulation 107 contend in table A in the first schedule of the Act and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 133 (III of the Indian Companies Act of 1913).

All the remaining accused were charged with aiding and abetting accused No. 1 in the commission of the said offence and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 133 (3 of the Indian Companies Act of 1913) with Section 134 of Indian Penal Code.

Accused Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were further charged with having wilfully made a statement false in material particulars, knowing it to be false namely "contingent liabilities. . . . claims against the Company not acknowledged as debts Rs. 31,350-10-0 in the said Balance Sheet and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 282 of the Indian Companies Act of 1913.

The learned Magistrate directed that all the accused be tried by him on the aforesaid charges.

Broadcasting Advisory Committees

NEW DELHI, April 21.

The Government of India have decided to establish Advisory Committees to assist the Controller of Broadcasting in the working of the Madras and Calcutta Stations of the All-India Radio, states a Press Note issued by the Department of Communications to-day.

The Committees will consist of the following:—

Madras: President—The Controller of Broadcasting; Secretary—The Director of the Madras Station, All-India Radio; Members—Mr. S. Satyamurthi, M.L.A. (Central), Sri R. Krishnamurthi, Editor "Ananda Vikatan", Sri K. Swaminathan, Professor, Presidency College, Madras, Srimathi R. Lakshmipathi, M.L.A., Janab Bashir Ahmed Sayid Sahib Bahadur M.L.A.

Calcutta: President—The Controller of Broadcasting; Secretary—The Director of the Calcutta Station, All-India Radio; Members—Mr. N. Barwell, Bar-at-Law, the Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Azizul Haque, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University, Mr. Birendra Kishore Roy Choudhuri, Mrs. J. De, Mr. K. Nooruddin, M.L.A.—United Press.

TREASURY DEFALCATION CASE DISMISSED

PATNA, April 21.

The appeal filed by the accused in the Motihari treasury defalcation case has been dismissed today by the Patna High Court.

It may be recalled that Satya Mitra, treasurer, was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment on a charge of defalcating the treasury money to the extent of Rs. 3,12,000 and odds in conspiracy with four treasury 'poddars' and a treasury peon. The 'poddars' were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment each while the peon was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. The trial was held in the Session Judge's Court, Motihari.—United Press.

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Variety Dance At Regal

Ram Gopal And Retna Present Indian And Javanese Themes

Ram Gopal and party presented a variety of Indian and Javanese dances at the Regal on Friday night under the patronage of the Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley. The Sarimpi, the Javanese court dance rendered by Retna was characterised by slow motion and graceful scarf designs. She also rendered successfully Indian themes like Mohini, Parvati, showing a good grasp of Bharat Natya technique as stylished in Kathakali.

Ram Gopal rendered Kathakali themes like Cobra Devil Dance, Garuda, Mayur Nrittya in which he exhibited remarkable mastery of the technique. The Deevali Puja was noted for its soft note and subdued foot-work. The 'Glory of Spring', a dance study in the allegory of life, was well executed. He carried the day in Sandhya Nrittya, which was his own dance composition. The twilight dance of Shiva hailing the moon, wind and the wave was featured in beautiful, sinuous and serpentine movements, with a keen sense of the decor. The Cosmic Dance of Shiva was a fine contrast to this, exhibiting long-range movements, swing and sway of the body characteristic of the Tandav type. 'Vastra Haranam' full of amorous episodes between Radha and Krishna was in lighter vein. King Kalana and Devi Srikandi and the Balinese dance were remarkable for the riot of colours and sartorial designs, which were very much enjoyed by the audience. Kunchunni rendered 'Arjuna' and Hunter's dance.

Ram Gopal has all the traits of a good artiste in him. Having a good grasp of the classic technique of Indian dancing, he exhibits rare talents in stylisation and precise execution. It is time he took more to the creation of ballets and choreographic groupings, which the Indian dance world badly needs to-day.

TRUTH ABOUT W. I. A. A.

Annual Meeting Sets Rumours At Rest

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

One went to the annual general meeting of the W. I. A. A. with a certain diffidence. Recently this Association had come into prominence because of several unhealthy rumours that had been circulated. One wondered whether it had forgotten its original function which was to render service to the motorist and was taking on the new role of becoming a semi-politic body, where such things as communal differences were in future to be ventilated. One heard for the first time about this association, which is doing a lot of useful work in this country, that it was anti-this and anti-that and its annual general meeting, therefore, attracted more attention than it otherwise would.

One's predominant feeling at leaving at the close of the meeting was one of relief, for one can reasonably say that one still has more faith in the association itself than in the rumours circulated about it. I think that motorists all over the country who belong to the W. I. A. A. will like to learn this with a sense of great satisfaction, for they really don't want a motorists' association to degenerate into party politics.

One achievement of the year was the opening of the new branch at Nagpur in September, which greatly explains the reasons of efficient parking that one saw at Tripuri during the Congress session.

The meeting itself only "promised" to be exciting. It did not descend into the dog-fight it could easily have been. There was apparently one quite controversial matter in issue and there were two points of view expressed, but very creditably for the institution and particularly its chairman, they were expressed with great dignity. There was no doubt whatever that Mr. Omerod conducted that meeting with tact and firmness. One gathered that Mr. Omerod was not continuing as Chairman as he was not putting himself us for re-election, which I think will be a great loss to the Association. But one can well understand that with the growing up of the association its Chairmanship involves a great deal of time.

ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEE

Mr. Omerod during the course of the meeting made some very important observations. He deplored the spirit in which the present election to committee had been carried out this year. The very fact that there should be 3,600 odd proxies for the election of six members of a committee of the kind which the W. I. A. A. has, was a sad reflection on the feeling that had been worked up. "It has been worked up on all sorts of lies. . . This is not an anti-European move." Coming from a European and bearing in mind the fact that there were four other European members on the committee it was very gratifying. It explained to the satisfaction of those present that the refusal of the committee to renew the services of their Secretary was not because of communal feeling. The committee were apparently unanimous in their decision.

NEW SECRETARY

Explaining the committee point of view he said that the committee were willing if necessary to appoint another European if there was the necessity, but they would give preference to an Indian in view of the changing conditions of this country. Also it seems they would be paying less for the services of the new secretary than they have been doing before. In fact the main reason given for not renewing the agreement with their present secretary was because in the first instance he was not willing to work for them on the same terms. Other reasons were also given when pressed by members in the House to do so.

In view of the difficulty of scrutinising the proxies, the voting which took place for the next committee would take some time to be ascertained. The meeting ended with a well deserved vote of thanks to the chair.

Iraq military officers carrying the body of the late King Ghazi of Iraq to its last resting place.

DISMISSED WITH COSTS

Petition Against Election Of Salebhai Abdul Kadar

The petition filed by Mr. Taheralli Mahomedalli, challenging the validity of the election of Mr. Salebhai Abdul Kader, to the Municipal Corporation, from Ward No. 3, on the ground of alleged corrupt practices, was dismissed with costs by Mr. Indranarayan Brijmohanlal, Chief Judge of the Small Causes Court, on Friday.

The petitioner made an allegation that Mr. S. A. Kader employed agents, who recorded several votes by impersonation. On this ground, he wanted that Mr. Kader's election be declared invalid and Mr. S. K. Barodawala, who had been cited as respondent No. 3 in the case to be declared duly elected.

NO PROOF

Asked by the Court, the petitioner failed to give specific instances to prove his allegations. He had nothing to say except that he had heard someone at the polling station saying that Mr. Kader's two sisters were noticed going to the polling booth two or three times and it was, therefore, suspected that they were there to impersonate.

The Chief Judge said that the petitioner gave the names of nineteen Muslim women, who were stated to have been impersonated. In fact only ten out of 19 women voters recorded their votes and there was no warrant to infer that their signatures were forged by the two sisters. The names were given, he said, on the off-chance of something being found in support of the petition. There was not an iota of evidence to prove that the two sisters impersonated.

It was also alleged that Mr. Kader was guilty of fraud by enrolling as voter one of his sisters, who was only 20 years old and later by getting her vote in his favour. The Chief Judge observed that there was no evidence to prove that she was under 21.

Characterising the petition as speculative and baseless, the Chief Judge dismissed it with cost.

JUNIOR BOXING

Western India Championship: I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin" Do Well

On Friday night, before His Excellency the Governor and a large house, 28 youths, gave of their best when they contested the Junior Boxing Championships of Western India. In all the fourteen bouts, one saw as good boxing.

Master I David of the David Sassoon Industrial Institution and J. B. S. Phillips of the Barnes High School, Deolali, retained their titles.

The Cadets of the I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin" covered themselves with glory seven out of fourteen titles going to their representatives. The tough little lads of the David Sassoon Industrial School took four championships in the lighter weights.

CLASS "A"—5ST. AND UNDER:—Two midgets from the David Sassoon Industrial School, showed that even in early age the art of boxing could be learnt. S. Motiram got a points verdict here over A. Satar.

CLASS "A"—5ST. 7LBS. AND UNDER:—Cadet Maung Aung (I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin"), a useful little boxer, was the champion at this weight, he secured a deserved points decision against Munimbux (D. S. Industrial School).

CLASS "A" 6ST. AND UNDER:—Another couple of lads from the David Sassoon Industrial School, contested this title. In a bout full of action J. David earned the verdict by a narrow margin of points over W. Kasam. David thus retained his title.

CLASS "A"—7ST. AND UNDER:—N. Tilak (D. S. Industrial School) was the more aggressive and the better boxer as well. He was a class higher than his opponent I. Moses (Nagpada Neighbourhood House) and easily outpointed him in each of the three rounds. Moses very gamely took a deal of punishment.

CLASS "A"—8ST. AND UNDER:—A close fight full of good boxing it was difficult to say which way the verdict went and it must have been a fraction of a point that gave E. Moses (Christ Church High School) the decision against N. Dwyer (Barnes High School).

CLASS "B"—6ST., 7LBS. AND UNDER:—A scrapper, R. Mulji (D. S. Industrial School) outpointed a boxer, W. Liddle (Barnes High School). Mulji carried the fight to his opponent and never let him settle down.

CLASS "B"—7ST. AND UNDER:—A fine hard-punching encounter saw A. Pereira (Sir D. M. Petit Gymnastic Institution) and J. Newton (Nagpada Neighbourhood House) go all out for a K. O. from the early round. Despite hard efforts the pair lasted the four rounds, Newton's heavier punching gaining him the verdict.

CLASS "B"—7ST. 7LBS. AND UNDER:—Cadet P. D'Abreo (I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin") was the better man at the game, and had F. Francis (Nagpada Neighbourhood House) did less of clinching, the points decision which the Cadet gained would have been greater.

CLASS "B"—8ST. AND UNDER:—Another Cadet of the I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin") P. B. S. Sikhawar proved his mettle when he outpointed Boy G. Rose (2nd Bn., the South Lancashire Regiment).

CLASS "B"—8ST. 7LBS. AND UNDER:—D. Coutinho (Nagpada Neighbourhood House) was lucky to last the first round against Cadet J. Trindade (I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin"). He, however, came back fresh but lost the fight in this second spell the referee stopping the bout after the Cadet had dazed him with a battery of blows to the head.

CLASS "B"—9ST. AND UNDER:—An even first round was all that was seen of what promised to be a good encounter. Cadet Q. Harris (I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin") had to retire with an injured wrist, J. B. S. Phillips (Barnes High School), the title holder, retained the championship.

CLASS "B"—9ST. 7LBS. AND UNDER:—In the first round Telegraphist H. Raymond (H. M. I. S. "Dalhousie") waited in vain for an opening to get in a K. O. punch. During this spell Cadet A. Cultriss (I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin") got ahead on points. In the next 3 rounds both men mixed it and some hefty punching was indulged in. The more experienced boxer, Cultriss kept his early advantage and improved his margin by degrees in each succeeding round to get a deserved title.

CLASS "B"—10ST. AND UNDER:—A brilliant slogging match in which M. A. Tajuddin (Nagpada Neighbourhood House) lost to Cadet M. E. Solomon (I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin").

CLASS "B"—10ST. 7LBS. AND UNDER:—In a nice bout Cadet K. F. D'Cunha (I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin") beat Boy T. Swindles (2nd Bn., the South Lancashire Regiment) on points.

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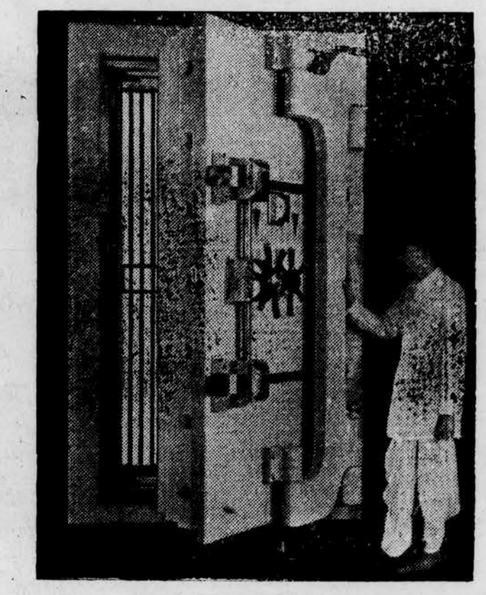

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JHABVALA ADDRESSES Rly. WORKERS AT KALYAN

(From Our Correspondent.)

KALYAN, April 20.

"Increase the strength of the 'Lal Bavta' by joining the Railway Union in large numbers and be prepared to fight the imposition of proposed Railway Board under the Federal scheme" was the appeal made by Mr. S. H. Jhabwala, M.L.A., who addressed in Hindustani the G.I.P. Railway workmen here, last evening, in a meeting held under the auspices of the Kalyan Branch of the G.I.P. Railway Workmen's Union.

Mr. Jhabwala, who had specially been invited to address the workers, exhorted them to attend the Divisional Conference of the Union, which will be shortly held at Kalyan.

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HOOLIGANISM IN JAMNAGAR

Indefinite Hartal Against Violence By Mob

(From Our Correspondent.)
RAJKOT, April 21.

According to reports from Jamnagar, a procession was taken out. The processionists are alleged to have indulged in beating wayfarers and burning shops. The boards of the Prajamandal office had been removed by the hooligans and much damage was done to Prakas Stores owned by Mr. Gokalas Hirji Secretary of the Prajamandal. Fifty persons are alleged to have been beaten and the condition of four among them is reported to be serious Parishad workers from Jamnagar reached Rajkot to report the happenings of Gandhiji. Vetrawala was also acquainted with the course of events by a special messenger.

INDEFINITE HARTAL.

Jamnagar is observing an indefinite hartal as a protest against yesterday's terrorism in accordance with the resolution passed at the public meeting which was attended by over 10,000 people.

STUDENTS ATTACKED.

Yesterday, the merchants observed a complete hartal against organised goondaism. Stories of looting of shops, burning of caps and beating of people on the thoroughfares are pouring in. Nearly, fifty persons gave affidavits of their sufferings before the citizens' meeting near the post office.

The Divansaheb was highly agitated at this exhibition of goondaism.

Students and girls were not left unmolested. The mob seized books and slates from students aid tore and broke them. The public meeting of merchants and vakils and also the meeting of citizens passed a resolution, that as long as promise of public safety was not given by the state the hartal must continue. Details of the happenings were forwarded to Mahatmaji, the Viceroy and other leaders.

REMAIN LOYAL

Kashmir Governor's Order

The following order has been issued from the office of the Governor and District Magistrate, Kashmir:—

"Whenever meetings are held against the Government, or procession taken out by the agitators, I want the Police and Revenue Agencies to note and intimate if any Government employee, Government pensioner scholarship holder or persons in receipt of Government favour in any shape or their relatives take part in such anti-Government activities.

Instructions are being issued to Wazir Wazarats to intimate all Revenue employees and other village officials to watch such meetings and processions or other demonstrations. It is not sufficient for the individual to say that he himself did not take part in any anti-Government activity, but he (person in receipt of Government favour) is also responsible that his relatives and dependents remain loyal and do not indulge in objectionable activities.

Every person in receipt of Government favour is expected to remain loyal and dissuade his friend and relatives from participating in anti-Government activities. Loyalty does not constitute in merely not taking part in objectionable activities, but the times have come that all loyal persons should do propaganda for the Government and actively resist anti-Government movements.

Copy of the note will be sent to Wazir Wazarats and the S. S. P. on their personal names. Necessary instructions will be issued by them to all concerned.

(Sd.) BAL DAVE SINGH PATHANIA.
District Magistrate and Governor."

No. J. C. 2562.
Dated 1-4-39.

VILLAGE FRANCHISE IN CEYLON

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briefly stated thus. Those Indian estate labourers who are permanently settled in the Island and who have made villages as their homeland should be given the village franchise and permitted to participate in the local self-Government of the village areas. For generations past they have made Ceylon their adopted motherland. They have become an inseparable part of the village life. They have associated themselves with the different phases of the rural life and there is scarcely any activity of the village Committee with which the Indian estate labourers are not concerned.

(TO BE CONCLUDED.)

Terrorism In Limbdi

'Hijratees' Harassed And Persecuted

(From Our Correspondent).
WADHWAN, April 21.

The Limbdi State seems to have decided to molest 'hijratees' who go to Limbdi for removing household articles Merchants who have migrated are prohibited from opening their shops and removing goods from Limbdi Goondaism is still flourishing unchecked. Yesterday one Kansara Ratilal Nanji was brutally attacked and severely wounded in Limbdi by mob of Sanatanist. He was dragged out of his shop and cruelly attacked with sticks and stones.

One stone struck near his eye. His life was in danger when one Khoja youth Fidahussen intervened and saved him. The mob attacked Fidahussen When this goondaism was continuing two policemen came there and silently went away without a word to Jilubha, wires Limbdi Prajamandal.

JANJIRA POLITICAL CONFERENCE

Bombay Residents Decide To Hold It In State

Under the auspices of the Janjira State People Union, a public meeting was held at Dhuru Hall, Dadar, on Wednesday night, Sardar Siddhi Mahomood presiding.

Meeting after giving its strong and unanimous support to all the demands as put forth, passed an important resolution of holding a political conference of Janjira State subjects either at Shriwardhan or Borli Mandla in Janjira State in the month of May 1939.

A special feature of the meeting was the support lent by the representatives from Jafrabad, Sachin, Bhavnagar, etc. who fervently appealed to their fellow sufferers in Janjira State to carry on the struggle to the end, as Janjira State is comparatively most backward of the Indian States.

Dr. Mubare who put the demands before the House, criticised strongly the policy pursued by the State, consistently for years together to prevent the voice of the people from being heard even in the Municipal and Local bodies not to speak of the general administration of the State.

Mr. Dighe supporting the demands referred to the Police ways in Janjira State and cited an ugly instance which recently took place in the public street near the State High Court, where the sufferer was no ordinary citizen but Mr. S. C. Joshi, M. A. LL.B. Advocate (O. S.) M. L. C. and a labour leader of Bombay.

It was alleged that after he had finished his argument in an important case in the High Court, and was going home, he was forcibly dragged in the public street by Constables under the pretext that he was immediately required by the Police Superintendent in his Thana.

The President in his concluding speech, compared the Indian States to boils which are affecting the whole body politic of India and that a sacred duty, therefore, devolved upon not only the State subjects but also all those who cherished the dream of a healthy and homogeneous Indian nation to encourage the struggle with genuine sympathy.

Satyagraha Launched In Bharatpur

Prajamandal's Decision: Mass Arrests Expected

(From Our Correspondent.)
AGRA, April 21.

The Bharatpur Prajamandal has sent an ultimatum to authorities placing their demands. The demands include removal of ban on Prajamandal and withdrawal of all repressive measures.

The Prajamandal received a reply from authorities. After reconsidering the reply for two days the Prajamandal ultimately decided to start Satyagraha immediately.

The first Dictator, Baba Dudhadhari is leaving for Achneracamp this morning to hold a conference of Prajamandal. Mass arrests are expected. Workers of the State are collecting men and money to carry on the struggle.

ALL-INDIA ORIENTAL CONFERENCE

HYDERABAD (Dn.) April 20.

The 10th session of the All-India Oriental Conference will be held here under the auspices of the Osmania University in the third week of December.

The object of the conference will be to bring together all orientalists in order to take stock of various activities of oriental scholars.

The programme announced by the local secretary includes visits to places of historical and archaeological interest in and around Hyderabad and in other parts of the Dominions.—United Press.

Fatehwal Murder Case Accused On Bail

LAHORE, April 20.

The Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, Sir Douglas Young and Justice Bakshi Tekchand to-day agreed to release the six Fatehwal Murder Case accused, namely Mohan Singh Bath, Sivdayal Singh, Lachman Singh, Ganda Singh, Sadhu Singh and Harban Singh Chhina on a bail of Rs. 1,000 each to the satisfaction of the District of Amritsar.—United Press.

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Assembly Questions

THE POONA EXODUS

Bombay Government Still Considering The Question

BOMBAY: Friday.

The prospects of the present sessions coming to a close in a day or two have put fresh life into the members, as was evident from the lively interest they took during the question hour to-day.

The members tried their best to get a definite answer from the Prime Minister regarding the exodus to Poona, but the Prime Minister would not commit himself and went on repeating that the matter was under consideration.

From the answers one could see that the Government is cent per cent. sure of moving to Poona this year.

The prostitution alleged to be carried on in some massage institutes of the city awakened the interests of many members, who plied the Home Minister with questions regarding the "operations" in the "sanctum sanctorium" of these institutes. The questions went to show that these institutes were nothing but brothels in disguise.

The inconvenience caused to the members of the Assembly as a result of attending two long sessions at Bombay and Poona was ventilated by several members during question time.

Mr. Babubhai P. Patel, the questioner, asked the Prime Minister anxiously whether the Government was aware that the members had to stay way from their families for nine months of the year.

The Prime Minister was not aware of this and stated that in 1938, the Assembly had three sessions, lasting in all about 192 days with some intervals.

Questioned whether the Government proposed to abolish the exodus to Poona, the Minister stated that the matter was under consideration.

Congress members took an active part in eliciting the information as to what the Prime Minister meant by stating that the matter was under consideration.

Replying to repeated questions, Mr. Kher went on saying that several factors had to be considered and he gave a short list. They were inconvenience, expense, climate and sentiments.

Mr. Babubhai Patel wanted to know definitely whether the exodus would be continued this year. The Minister said that the matter was under consideration.

Mr. Babubhai Patel's reference to the inconvenience caused to members by their separation from the families provoked Mr. Wagh to inquire whether he meant all the members of the family or the dearest members of the family (laughter).

The Revenue Minister wanted to know from the member concerned who was the dearest member of the family, but Mr. Wagh did not disclose the information.

An emphatic "No" was the Prime Minister's reply to the question whether the Government had considered the advisability of providing the members with residential accommodation in Bombay as would enable them to stay with their families, on payment of reasonable rent.

"The matter being confidential, Government considers it undesirable to give any information on the subject."

This was Mr. K. M. Munshi's answer on the question **whether it was a fact that Government had recently issued a confidential letter to all Government departments directing them not to give advertisements to certain newspapers.**

Sir A. M. K. Dehlavi wanted to know why it was confidential.

Mr. Munshi: The disclosure would not serve any public interest.

The Leader of the Opposition complained that it was very unfair to maintain such secrecy in such matters and asked the Minister whether such a circular had been issued.

Mr. Munshi: I neither admit nor deny.

The question of the ban of certain newspapers in Hyderabad, elicited the information that certain newspapers like the "Trikal" were proscribed in the Nizam's Dominions.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, replying further stated that in the course of an interview he had with Sir Akbar Hydari it was made clear that the Government of Bombay would interfere in cases where a newspaper published in Bombay Province carried on a campaign for the overthrow of the Nizam or his dynasty or where it sought to create communal discord likely to result in violence between the communities in the Bombay Province. It was also made clear that the Bombay Government would allow the same liberty of criticising the administration of the State which it enjoyed as regards the Bombay Government's administration. It was also stated in the interview that the Government of Bombay, if required, would give the Nizam's Government such information as a friendly state was bound to give, but would not stop persons proceeding to the Hyderabad territory with an intention, which, if carried out there, might amount to a breach of its laws.

5,000 Lepers In Sholapur

There were about 5,000 lepers in Sholapur city and its neighbourhood and that a scheme for the extension of the Leper Hospital, Sholapur on modern lines was under consideration of the Government stated the Minister for Health in reply to a question on lepers in Sholapur city.

Mr. Munshi, replying to a question of prostitution in massage institutes stated that reports had been received by Government that prostitution was carried on in many so-called massage institutes in the city. No institute was raided during 1937-38 and one institute suspected of being a brothel was raided at the end of 1938.

The steps that the Government proposed to take to prohibit such institutes from carrying prostitution were under consideration of the Government.

At present, no license was required for a massage Institute but the Government was considering whether it should be treated as a place of amusement.

Observe May Day

A. I. T. U. C. President's Appeal

CALCUTTA, April 20.

In the course of a Press statement, Dr. Suresh Banerjee, President of the A.I.T.U.C. appeals to all Trade Union organisations to celebrate May Day with all solemnity it deserves.

In the course of another statement Dr. Banerjee condemns the firing on strikers of the Assam Oil Company at Digboi and appeals to the Congress Ministry of Assam to institute an enquiry into the circumstances leading to the firing and effect a settlement between the management and the workers.

"What the strike situation requires for a settlement," says Mr. Banerjee, "is a square deal and not order under Section 144 P. C. nor firing by the Military."

Mr. Mrinal Kanti Bose President of the Bengal Provincial Trade Union has issued a lengthy Press statement in the course of which he protests against the Military firing at Digboi and requests the All-India Trade Union Congress to take adequate steps to meet the situation that had arisen out of the firing. Mr. Bose congratulates the workers on maintaining a wonderful spirit of non-violence all through and urges the Bardoli Ministry to start an immediate enquiry into the matter....United Press.

BRITISH COMEDY AT BROADWAY

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WASHINGTON April 21.—Leading ordnance authority said that he believed that the United States and other armies had guns comparable in type, size and effectiveness to those seen in Berlin yesterday. The belief is expressed that the weapons seen were siege rather than anti-aircraft guns.

SHIVAJI BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE AND KHER'S ASSURANCE

BOMBAY Friday.

Seven persons of the Shivaji Birth-day Committee proceeded to the residence of Mr. B. G. Kher at Narayan Dabholker Road, Malabar Hill to offer "Satyagraha" as the Government of Bombay has not declared Shivaji's Birthday as a public holiday.

They carried with them a photo of Shivaji and flags. As the Hon. Mr. Kher was not at home, they waited for some time. On his return home Mr. Kher sympathetically heard and assured them that the Government would consider the question carefully and sympathetically. He told them that there was a growing feeling, which he shared, that already India had too many public holidays when compared with Britain or any other Western country. For instance, normally Bombay had 28 public holidays, while in several other countries the number was barely half of that. Public work had been seriously dislocated and there was an idea to curtail the number of holidays.

He added that the Committee which would be appointed to review the question of public holidays would be glad to consider any representation made by the delegation.

Thereupon the delegation withdrew.

WHAT LED TO DIGBOI FIRING

DIBRUGARH, April 20.

Mr. Hemchandra Barua, President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Bishuram Medhi, Mr. Siddinath Sarma, Mr. Lakheswar Barua and Mr. Omeo Kumar Das, all Assembly members visited the place of military firing on strikers at Digboi to-day. Giving the strikers' version of the incident they said that the company authorities with the help of the military were recruiting labourers in the 'bustee' outside the company area at night when the strikers also went there and requested the new recruits not to join. The strikers were threatened with firing and on their further insistence upon canvassing, the military opened fire, causing three deaths and injuries to several others.—United Press.

Delhi Editor Murder Trial

Witness Narrates How Maulana Was Assassinated

NEW DELHI, April 20.

The Court room of Mr. Mohammad Afzal, First Class Magistrate, was packed to its capacity and special police arrangements had to be made when the case under Section 302/117 I.P.C. in connection with the murder of Maulana Mazharuddin, editor of "Wahdat" (a local Urdu daily,) was taken up for recording prosecution witnesses.

Mr. Abdul Hamid, joint editor of the daily, was the principal prosecution witness. He contended that on March 14 last at about 12 noon, accused Mohammad Safiq and Mohammad Ahmed came to the office of the paper to see Maulana Mazharuddin, who was at that time talking to a journalist from Patna. The Maulana asked them to take their seats.

Mohammad Safiq, who remained standing at his back, slashed the throat of the Maulana and ran away saying "You always abuse the Ulemas." The assailant was chased but he disappeared. Witness took the Maulana to hospital, where the doctors informed that he had succumbed to his injuries.

Mr. Ahmed Hussain, a Patna journalist, and two other members of the staff of "Wahdat," who were also examined, corroborated the statement.

Forty-nine more witnesses, including some prominent members of the Muslim League, still remain to be examined.—United Press.

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Govt. To Control 'Teji-Mandi' Transactions

Legislation To Be Brought Up In Next Session?

PREMIER ON BOMBAY GOVT.'S STEPS TO CHECK CORRUPTION IN SERVICES

THAT GOVERNMENT MIGHT LAY DOWN A DEFINITE POLICY TO CONTROL AND REGULATE COMMODITIES' MARKETS —ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURAL MARKETS—AND THAT GOVERNMENT MIGHT POSSIBLY BRING FORWARD LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO THE TEJI-MANDI TRANSACTIONS WAS THE REVELATION MADE BY THE HON. MR. A. B. LATTHE IN THE COURSE OF HIS REPLY TO THE CRITICISMS ON THE RESOLUTION SEEKING TO MAKE SUCH TRANSACTIONS ILLEGAL AND TO MAKE IT A PUNISHABLE OFFENCE MOVED BY MR. S. H. SHAH IN THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FRIDAY.

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Earlier Mr. S. H. Shah moved a resolution recommending to Government to set a committee to investigate into the extent of corruption and bribery prevalent in the public services and the causes underlying the same, and to suggest ways and means for the eradication of those evils.

The Hon. Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa, President of the Council, was in the Chair.

The mover of the resolution wanted Government to declare in the interim period of rules that those persons who came forward to give information to Government in cases of bribery and corruption would be given proper protection, that no protection would be given against such persons under Section 116, read with Sections 161 and 165 of the Indian Penal Code, if the information given by them was proved to be false and malicious, that any information given by them would be treated as confidential, that the inquiry should be conducted by persons in the superior grades of service and lastly that persons giving such information would be given an opportunity to attend at the inquiry and to examine and cross-examine witnesses.

WHAT GOVT. HAS DONE

The Hon. Mr. B G. Kher, the Premier, explained the careful and elaborate steps taken by Government which, he maintained, had not been lagging behind to check or eradicate the evils of corruption and bribery which by no means was restricted to this country alone. He pointed out that the suggestions made by the mover of the resolution for an interim declaration on the part of Government had already been covered. He, then, narrated the various steps taken by Government from time to time.

The remedy suggested by the mover of the resolution in the first part for setting up a Committee, the Premier thought was not an ideal one.

REVENUE MINISTER'S REPORT

It was only recently that the Revenue Minister toured round all the three Divisions in the Province and the problem of corruption and bribery in Government service was carefully gone into and discussed elaborately after conferences with collectors and other higher officers and mamlatdars. All of them gave their views and their experiences and it was interesting to note in this connection the remarks made by the Minister in the course of his report. The Revenue Minister had stated that nothing more could be done by setting up a central committee than what the district anti-corruption committees (the setting up of which was also one of the steps taken by Government) had been doing. He noted a great change and stated that public opinion killed corruption in England and he hoped that it would do the same in this country.

IDEAL RULES, NO REMEDY

Mere publishing of ideal rules, the Premier pointed out, would not go a long way in eradicating the evil. He cited the instance of the existence of the Jail Manual. He, and others like him, the Premier added, had the privilege to know what prison life was inspite of that Manual.

He assured the House that the evil had not escaped the attention of Government since it came into power and that they had been alive to the cause of eradicating it throughout.

The resolution was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

'OCCUPATION' IN CENSUS RETURNS.

Mr. B. N. Karanjia moved a resolution recommending to Government to move the Government of India to include the heading "occupation" in the census forms for the census to be taken in 1941 in order to collect statistics as regards unemployment among the educated and middle class people.

On a statement made by Mr. Latthe to the effect that Government would recommend, if the House so desired, to the Government of India to include the heading "occupation," in the manner Mr. Karanjia liked, the mover asked permission of the House to withdraw his resolution. Permission was given and the resolution withdrawn.

PENALISE 'TEJI-MANDI.'

Mr. S. H. Shah, then, moved a resolution recommending Government to undertake legislation with a view to make "Teji-Mandi" transactions in all commodities illegal and punishable as an offence. Mr. Shah stated that as a result of such transactions the middle class and the poor people suffered and the contracts entered into were mostly "under-contracts."

Mr. Ratilal Gandhi stated that the 'Teji-Mandi' transactions were technical. It was admitted by the head of a British firm, Mr. Anderson Clayton, when he was invited for a tea-party by the East India Cotton Association, that it was highly scientific. Although even uneducated Marwaries could grasp everything about it, even educated and intelligent persons could not understand the technicalities involved in such transactions.

With regard to forward transactions, he stated that commercial opinion should be consulted by Government before they took any action in the matter.

NEED OF GOVT. CONTROL.

Replying to the criticisms, Mr. Latthe observed that the House had entered into a very interesting subject which, it had been described, had baffled lawyers and even highly intellectual people. Confessing his ignorance about the subtled and the scientific nature of the methods involved in the 'Teji-Mandi' transactions, he stated that he had been, since two years, studying the reactions of the speculative markets. And he was absolutely sure that those transactions which might be useful to some and highly scientific and technical in nature, were speculative.

Referring to Government's difficulties in cases where markets were controlled, he stated that though certain transactions carried on in unrecognised associations had been declared void such transactions were widely indulged in by the people.

Mr. Latthe stated that the question of regulating the markets had been engaging the attention of Government since some time and he hoped that at no distant future Government should control and manage all commodities' markets and especially the agricultural markets.

CRIMINAL SPECULATION.

With regard to the criticisms of Mr. Shantilal Shah that as the result of the continuation of 'Teji-Mandi' transactions, mostly middle class and poor people had to suffer, he stated that such people seemed to him like flies jumping into fire and burning themselves. Otherwise he did not know why those people should indulge in such a "mad and criminal speculation" of some kind, with the result that a few persons living in cities wanted to corner some markets and make millions and millions of rupees and ruin others.

WADIA'S COMMITTEE'S VIEW.

Anent 'Teji-Mandi' transactions, he stated that a thorough inquiry had been held into the genuineness or otherwise of such transactions and that the Committee, presided over by Sir Ness Wadia, held that those transactions should be stopped for once and all. Government had given its consideration to the question for a number of years and judging from the Committee's report he thought that the House could gather how Government regarded that question.

It had been suggested that the commercial and trading opinion should be consulted by Government before any action was taken with regard to speculative markets. But he could predict what their opinion could be and, he thought, it would be: "Don't interfere with our freedom." In fact, such a prediction was not at all necessary because he had consulted some commercial associations, some months ago, and though they had their differences of opinion with regard to the advisability of carrying on several kinds of future transactions, all those associations agreed that Government should not interfere in the matter.

FORECAST OF LEGISLATION.

He assured the House that Government might be able to lay down some definite policy in the matter and "possibly in the next session" Government might bring forward some legislation in that regard and till then he thought that the resolution might be dropped.

In view of the explanation given by the Finance Minister, the resolution was withdrawn with the leave of the House and the House adjourned till Saturday (to-day) 8-30 a.m.

Bombay Telephone Company

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Trade And Finance

Good Demand For Day To Day Loans

Further Decline In Securities

SMALL RALLY IN STEEL SHARES

Weekly Market Review

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, April 21

MONEY

Demand for day-to-day funds continued to be good, call loans being available at no better than 2-3/4 per cent. per annum. Towards the close, however the call money rate declined fractionally to 2½ per cent.

The statement of the Reserve Bank of India made upto 14th April 1939 reveals a decline in the active note circulation of Rs. 67.08 lacs while the ration of gold plus sterling assets to total liabilities remains practically unchanged at 50.24 per cent Government Deposits, Bankers' Deposits and Others' Deposits are up by Rs. 100.70 lacs, Rs. 72.43 lacs and Rs. 8.28 lacs respectively. Government have repaid Rs. 13 lacs against "Ways & Means" advances and the total amount outstanding under this head now is Rs. 37 lacs. The item of 'Balance held abroad' shows a rise of Rs. 85,97 lacs.

The Statement of the Imperial Bank of India compiled upto 14th April 1939 records on increase of Rs. 50 lacs in Fixed Deposits, while Advances by the Bank are down by Rs. 61.68 lacs. The cash holdings of the Bank have increased by Rs. 113,20 lacs to Rs. 14.75 crores and the Bank's Investment Portfolio records a small decline of Rs 1.80 lacs.

Total applications for three months' Treasury Bills amounted to Rs. 1.10 crores, of which Rs. 1 crore were accepted at an average rate of Rs. 2-5-11 per cent. per annum. Term money rates were unchanged at 2 per cent. for three months and 1-3/4 per cent. for six months.

GILT-EDGED.

The trend of gilt-edged prices continued to be uncertain in sympathy with the international political situation. 3½ per cent. Rupee Paper, however was inclined to be steady in comparison with other redeemable scrips as well as 3½ per cent. India Sterling Stock owing to a wide backwardation between the spot and forward rates. 3½ per cent. India Sterling Stock opened at £ 80 and after touching £78½, closed at 79¼ while 3½ per cent. Rupee Paper, after declining from Rs. 93-3 to Rs. 92-8, closed better at Rs. 92-10. Among other redeemable scrips, there was a continued absence of any sizeable investment demand with the result that the 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan declined from Rs. 97-10 to Rs. 97-2, 3 per cent. 1941 bonds from Rs. 101-10 to Rs. 101-8 and 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan from Rs. 99-8 to Rs. 99-2. 3½ per cent. 1947-50 loan was easier at Rs 102-12, 4 per cent. 1943 bonds around Rs. 106-10 and 4½ per cent. 1955-60 loan around Rs. 114-4. 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan changed hands at Rs. 108-14, 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan at Rs. 112-8 and 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan at Rs. 96-7. 5 per cent 1939-44 loan closed steady at Rs. 100-9 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 100-9 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 104.

EXCHANGED

Sterling exchange was steady during the week, sellers of spot T. T. quoting 1s. 5-59/64d. and buyers 1s. 5-61/64d. Towards midweek, a firmer tendency was in evidence on some reported showing of merchandise export bills in the Calcutta market with the result that sellers quoted 1s.5-15/16 d. and buyers 1s. 5-31/32d. Business in connection with export of gold was at a standstill.

Among the foreign exchanges in in London the sterling dollar cross-rate was reported to have been pegged around 468.00 cents by the British control. The premium on three months' forward dollars varied between 3.00 cents and 2.53 cents. Movements in the sterling/franc rate were confined to a narrow range, the highest and lowest being 176.6 and 176.71 while, the discount on three months' forward francs after widening from frs. 0.375 to frs. 0.400 declined to frs .0.280 and closed at frs. 0.325. The guilder moved between 8.81-7/8 and 8.81-7/16 and the lira between 89.00 and 88.97, while the belga cheapened from 27.82-1/4 to 27.86 on unconfirmed rumours about devaluation, but steadied up to 27,83-1/2 at the close after an increase in the discount rate of the Bank of Belgium. The Shanghai dollar and the yen showed very little change around 8d. and 1s. 2d. during the week.

GOLD.

After an initial decline following the announcement of new war risk insurance rates, fluctuations in the price of gold were confined to a narrow range, quotation for spot gold varying between Rs. 36-15-3 and Rs. 37-1-0. Gold for delivery during May was quoted three pies over spot, while June delivery stood at a premium of nine pies over the spot rate. Purchases of gold by the Reserve Bank of India during the week are reported to be ounces. The market being over export parity on the basis of new war risk insurance rates, business in connection with export was at a standstill. In London, the price of the metal improved by 1/2d. from 148s. 6d. to 148s. 6-1/2d., while the premium on gold over the dollar arbitrage parity was nil. Sovereign in the local market, after opening at Rs. 23-11, improved to Rs. 23-11-9, but closed at the opening level. Floating stocks of gold are estimated at about 50,000 tolas, arrivals from upcountry at 10,000 tolas a day, and the daily offtake unchanged at 1,500 tolas. Imports during the week amounted to Rs. 92,603 in gold bullion and coins, while last week there was no shipment by the outgoing English Steamer.

The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were: Rs. 37-1 and Rs. 36-15-3 for spot, Rs. 37-1-3 and Rs. 36-15-9 for May settlement and Rs. 37-1-9 and Rs. 37-0-3 for June settlement.

SILVER.

Spot silver, after opening around Rs. 52-13, improved gradualllly to Rs. 52-14-6, closing at Rs. 5213-0. May settlement silver, which was quoted at two annas under spot at the opening, stood at a discount of one anna six pies at the close, while the backwardation for June delivery declined from four annas to two annas six pies. A comparatively large shipment from London valued at £104,200 was instrumental in narrowing the backwardation. In London, the price for spot silver remained unchanged at 20d. for the major part of the week, but improved and closed at 20-1/16d., while the discount on two months' forward delivery narrowed from 1/4d. to 1/8d. at the end. Stocks of silver are estimated at about 1,400 bars, while the offtake has improved substantially to 75 bars a day. 345 bars of silver were imported during the week, whilst silver coins valued at Rs. 53,957 were also imported. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were: Rs. 52-14-6 and Rs 52-11 for spot, Rs. 52-12-6 and Rs. 52-9-6 for May settlement and Rs. 52-12 and Rs. 52-7-6 for June settlement.

CALCUTTA.

The price of hessians for forward delivery gradually improved from Rs. 9-10 to Rs. 9-12 at the close, while jute shares revealed a steadier tone during the week although price gains were small.

SHARES.

The local share market ruled steady throughout the period under report and it would seem as though the market has now discounted the adverse political news. The volume of turnover, however, remains restricted.

In the steel section, Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds declined midweek to Rs. 1,150, but later recovered and closed at Rs. 1,177-8, whilst Ordinaries, after touching Rs. 251, closed steadier at Rs. 256-3. The Textile group also showed similar movements; Bombay Dyeings, after a fall of about 20 points to Rs. 742-8, improved gradually and closed at Rs. 757-8. Centuries likewise declined to Rs. 195-8, Central Indias to Rs. 197 and Colaba Lands to Rs. 99, but subsequently staged a good recovery and closed at Rs. 206, Rs. 204-8 and Rs. 105-8 respectievly. Kohinoor shed some 16 points to Rs. 198 and New Greats lost about 10 points mid-week, but during the latter half of the week found fair support, the rates improving to Rs. 212-8 and Rs. 183-8 respectively. Hydro-electrics were comparatively more active; Andhra Valleys moved down to Rs. 1,336-4 and Tata Powers to Rs. 1,205, but reacted and closed at Rs 1,360 and Rs. 1,217-8 respectively. Bombay Trams, however, kept fairly steady around Rs. 126-8 and Tata Hydros around Rs. 144-8. Amongst Banks, Bank of Indias lay pegged around Rs. 136-8, whereas Central Banks were done at varying rates beween Rs. 32-4 and Rs. 31-13. Central Banks were done at varying rates between Rs. 32-4 and Imperial Bank Fully Paids slowly lost ground from Rs. 1,507-8 to Rs. 1,501-4 and Partly Paids from Rs. 366-14 to Rs. 364-8. Reserve Banks changed hands at Rs. 109-4. Railway scrips were completely in the background; Ahmed Prantij being nominally quoted around Rs. 958-12, and Tapti Valleys around Rs. 743-12. In the miscellaneous bloc, Associated Cements provided a bright spot during the week, the quotation steadily rising up from Rs. 115 to Rs. 120, closing lower at Rs. 118-8 on profit-taking; Belapurs moved within a narrow compass, ranging between Rs. 173-8 and Rs. 171-8; Bombay Burmas, after a sharp drop of 9 points to Rs. 419 mid-week, recovered and closed at Rs. 427-8, whilst Scindia Steams picked up strengths from Rs. 16-3 to Rs. 17 at the end.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 21.

GOVT. SECURITIES.	
3 1/2 per cent Paper	92/11
4 per cent 1960-70	109
5 per cent 1945-55	112/8
BANKS.	
Bank of Baroda	109/8
Bank of Hindusthan	26
Bank of India	136/8
Central Bank	31/10
Imperial Bank F.P.	501/4
Imperial Bank P.P.	364/6
Indian Overseas Bank	47
Reserve Bank	109/4
Union Bank	5/13/6
TEXTILES.	
Ahmd. New Textiles	392/8
Ambica	248/12
Arun	220
Arvind	1125
Asok	204/6
Bharatkhand	2175
Bombay Dyeing	756/4
Buckingham and Carnatics	174
Calico	574/6
Central India	204/6
Century	205/10
Colaba	105
Delhi Cloth and Gen. Mills	475
Elgin	112/8
Gokak	122/8
Hukumchand	168/2
Indore	46/4
Jubilee	205
Khatau Makanji	92/8
Kohinoor	212/8
Laxmi Cotton	460
Madhusudan	200
Marsden	90/10
Morarji	115
Mysore	82/8
Nandlal Bhandari	77/4
New Great	183/2
Raipur	595
Rajnagar	180/10
Sajjan	97/8
Sassoon and Alliance	68
Sholapur	3125
Simplex	66/4
Swadeshi	201/4
Vishnu	1050
HYDRO ELECTRICS.	
Andhra Valley Ord.	1357/8
Tata Hydro Ord.	144/6
Tata Power Ord.	1217/8
ELECTRICS.	
Ahmedabad Electrics	137/8
Ajmer Electrics	11
Amalgamated	12/6
Bombay Suburban	141/4
Bombay Tram.	126/4
Lahore Electrics	445
Surat Electrics	146/4
MISCELLANEOUS	
Alcock Ashdown	317/8
Associated Cements	118/8
Belapur	172/8
Bombay Burma New	146/4
Bombay Burma Old	426/4
Bombay Steam	210
Bombay Telephone	80
Br. B. Petrol	3/2
Burma Corporation	5/9
Dalmia Cement	10
Indian Bleaching	97/8
Industrial Investment Tr.	40/8
Indian Radio Ord.	345
Indian Radio Defd.	301/4
Indian Copper	1/15
Indian Iron	23/2
Mysore Sugar	30/4
Port Canning	68/8
Premier Construction	59/8
Rohtas Industries	23/4
Scindia Steam	17
Shivrajpur	32/8
Tata Oil	36
Tata Steel Ordy	256/8
Tata Steel Defd.	1177/8
JUTES.	
Birla Jute	14/15
Howrah	53/8
Hukumchand	6
Kamarhatty	477
Kankanarrah	365/8
Lawrence	332
Reliance	58/8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LTD.

The First Annual General Meeting of the Exchange will be held on Saturday the 22nd instant at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Registered Office at Lakshmi Building, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay.

BOMBAY COTTON STATISTICS

Receipts from 1st Sept 1938 to 13th April 1939 by rail and sea)		1,647,749
Receipts from 1st Sept 1938 to 13th April 1939 (by road—estimated)		287,055
		1,934,804
Same time last year		1,784,076
Exports from 1st Sept 1938 to 13th April 1939	1938-39	1937-38
United Kingdom	42,886	30,889
Continent	174,652	167,825
China	144,071	69,592
Japan	550,424	363,795
Coast Ports	25,700	44,037
U. S. A.	16	—
Total	937,749	676,138
Total exports by rail, 1st Sept 1938 to 13th April 1939		185,638
Estimated mill consumption in Bombay from 1st Sept 1938 to 13th April 1939		571,867
Same time last year		677,307
Estimated stock of raw cotton held by exporters, dealers and mills in Bombay on 13th April 1939		1,108,804
Same time last year		1,082,045
KARACHI STATISTICS		
Total receipts of cotton from up-country from 1st Sept 1938 to 13th April 1939		1,550,845
Same time last year		1,336,006
Total cotton shipped from 1st Sept 1938 to 6th April 1939		1,005,511
Same time last year		862,377

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Latest Commercial News

N. Y. COTTON SIX POINTS UP

Increased Activity In London Markets

FOREIGN BONDS FIRM: GILTS STEADY

Tin Quoted Higher

BOMBAY, April 21.

NEW YORK COTTON

The tendency in New York Cotton during the early period was hesitant following lower Liverpool cables but later the market developed considerable activity on improved local enquiry.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

End of account considerations curtailed the activity but the undertone remained satisfactory. Home Industrials and Rubbers were quietly steady.

Gilt-edged securities were steady while foreign bonds ruled firm. Among metals Tin was firm with buyers at £220.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

JULY 1939

New York, April 21

Previous closing	7.81
To-day's opening	7.80
Difference	—01
To-day's closing	7.87
Difference	+06

LIVERPOOL COTTON

JULY 1939

Liverpool, April 21

Previous closing	4.39
To-day's opening	4.41
Difference	+02
To-day's closing	4.36
Difference	—03

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May 1939	Rs. 156-0
July August	Rs. 156-4

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, April 21

The New York cotton early showed somewhat uncertain tendency following lower Liverpool cables but subsequently it developed considerable activity on improved local enquiry.

The trading in July began at 7.80 i.e. one point lower than the last closing. Prices eased slightly on lower Liverpool cables and May liquidation but thereafter it displayed better sentiment which induced considerable buying under which prices steadily rose to 7.85.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay, April 21

Locally, Broach July/August opened to-night at Rs. 155-6. The rate sharply advanced to Rs. 157-4 but closed slightly lower at Rs. 155.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 21

The following are opening ranges:—

May (8.23/8.22) 8.17/8.16

July (7.83/7.83) 7.80/7.80

October (7.43/7.43) 7.41/7.41

LIVERPOOL COTTON

London, April 21

The following are opening quotations:

American May (4.65) 4.64

American July (4.42) 4.39

Egyptian May (6.45) 6.45

Egyptian July (6.55) 6.54

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, April 21

TEAS

Indian Pekoe (0-11 1/2) 0-11 1/2

Indian Pekoe higher (1-5) 1-5

Ceylon Pekoe (1-2) 1-2

Ceylon Pekoe higher (1-7 1/2) 1-7 1/2

JUTE

First Marks C. I. F. Continent New Crop April May (£26 15/16 sellers) £27 3/8 buyers

Dunlop April (£30 1/4 sellers) £30 1/4 sellers

Lightning April (£29 3/4 sellers) £29 3/4 sellers

RUBBER

Spot (7 15/16 buyers) 7 15/16 paid and buyers

Forward July September (8 1/8 paid and sellers) 8 1/16 paid and buyers

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay April/May (£10 1/4 sellers) £10 1/4 sellers

Linseed La Plata April (£12 3/8 sellers) £12 3/8 sellers

Linseed La Plata April (£11 3/16 sellers) £11 3/16 sellers

Groundnuts Coromandel May (£10 1/2 sellers) £10 1/2 seliers

METALS

Tin (£218 1/2 buyers £218 3/4 sellers. Steady) £220 buyers £220 1/2 sellers. Firm.

Lead (£14 1/2 buyers £14 9/16 sellers. Steady) £14 9/16 £14 5/8 sellers.

Electrolytic Copper (£48 to £48 1/2) £47 1/2 to £48 1/2

Iron (102) 102

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, April 21

The following are the opening rates:

General Motors (dol 41 3/8) dol 41 1/2

Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24) dol 23 1/4

U S Common New Stock (dol 48 3/4) dol 47 5/8

U S Steel Preference (unquoted) unchanged.

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, April 21

Previous closing	4.68 1/16
To-day's opening	4.68 1/16
At the time of New York cotton closing	4.68

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, April 21

Previous closing	4.68.01
To-day's opening	4.68.12
To-day's closing	4.68.01

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, April 21

Previous closing	176.73
To-day's opening	176.71
To-day's opening	176.75

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 21

London exchanges opened with the sterling dollar at 4.68.12 on better support but soon after eased under scattered selling.

Franc opened at 176.71 and then weakened slightly on absence of enquiry with movements thereafter being small and insignificant.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 15/16 sellers) 1-5 15/16 sellers

Paris on Bombay (13.210) 13.210

New York on Bombay (34.98) 34.98

Berlin on Milan (87 1/4) 87 1/4

London on Milan (88.97) 89.00

London on Shanghai (0-8 1/4 nominal) 0-8 1/4 nominal

London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

BULLION

Influx (Nil) Nil

Withdrawal (nil) nil

Gold (£7-8-6 1/2) £7-8-6 1/2

Silver (20 1/16d) 20d.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/2 to 1 9/16 per cent) 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 per cent

4 months (1 3/4 to 1 3/4 per cent) 1 3/4 to 1 3/4 per cent

6 months (2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent) 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay, April 21

The following cable regarding silver market was received in Bombay to-night:—

"Some speculative demand. Small general selling. Market steady."

LONDON SILVER

London, April 21

Spot	(20 1/16d) 20d —1/16
Forward	(19 15/16d) 19 7/8d —1/16

LONDON GOLD

London, April 21

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-8-6 1/2) £7-8-6 1/2

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotation

SILVER

Bombay, April 21

Silver ready	52	12	0
Silver Vaishakh	52	10	0
Silver Jeth	52	9	6

GOLD

Gold ready	36	15	9
Gold Vaishakh	37	0	3
Gold Jeth	37	0	9
Sovereign	23	10	0

WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotations

Bombay, April 21

Wheat May	3	4	0
Wheat September	3	5	3
Linseed	5	2	6
Linseed September	5	4	9

Liverpool Wheat

Liverpool, April 21

Liverpool wheat opened steady with May old quoting at 53 1/2d. After the early steadiness prices gave way under hedge selling against the recent actual wheat purchases.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, April 21

Chicago wheat opened steady with May quoting at 0.69. The market was fairly active on scattered purchases influenced by the steadiness of foreign cables with the rate later rising to 0.69 1/4.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT QUOTATIONS

Liverpool, April 21

The Liverpool wheat market closed [illegible] May 4d to 1/8d.

3½% GOVT. LOAN

Latest Quotations

Bombay, April 21

3 1/2 per cent Government Paper was quoted at Rs. 92/14 at 5 p.m.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, April 21

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at £79 1/4.

Closing quotations on the previous days were:—

Wednesday, April 12, £80

Thursday, April 13, £80

Friday, April 14, £79 1/4

Monday, April 17, £78 1/2

Tuesday, April 18, £79

Wednesday, April 19, £78 3/4

Thursday, April 20, £79 1/4

INDIAN LOANS

London, April 21

3-30 p.m.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£92 3/4) £92 3/4

3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£78 3/4) £79 1/4

4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£103 1/4) £103 3/4

4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£107 1/4) £107 1/4

4 per cent Indian Stock 1948-58 (£101 3/4) £101 3/4

5 per cent 1942-47 (£105 1/4) £105 1/4

4 per cent Victory Bonds (£96 3/4) £96 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945-55 (£99 1/2) £100

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£65 3/4) £66 1/8

3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£92 1/8) £2 1/2

4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£102 3/8) £102 5/8

5 per cent Funding Loan (£102 7/8) £103 3/8

3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£93 5/8) £93 7/8

4 per cent Victory Bonds (£102 7/8) £103 1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 21

London Stock Exchange was quietly steady with some sections displaying better feeling.

Giltedged securities attracted moderate support. Three and half per cent was quoted at £79 1/4 i.e. unchanged from the last closing.

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (16) 16

Motors and Spencer Ordinary (58-0) 58-4 1/2

Hydro Electric (dol 3 7/8) dol 3 7/8

Elec Music Industry (10-3) 10-3

Princhin Johnson (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2

Imperial Chemical (28-6) 28-6

Woolsworth New Ordinary (58-9) 58-9

San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1939 (£20 1/2) £21 1/4

Dunlop Rubber (24-6) 24-6

Unilever Ordinary (32-3) 33-1 1/2

Ford Motors (17-4 1/2) 17-9

Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£42) £42

British American Tobacco Ordinary (91-10 1/2) 91-10 1/2

Carreas 'A' (£5 3/4) £5 3/4

Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (125-7 1/2) 124-4 1/2

P and O. S. N. Company Deferred (19-6) 20-1 1/2

Distillers (88-9) 88-9

British Dyers (4-1 1/2) 4-1 1/2

British Celanese (3-7 1/2) 3-7 1/2

J and P Coates Ordinary (31-10 1/2) 31-3

Courtaulds Ordinary (24-3) 24-3

Fine Cotton Spinners (2-9) 2-6

Vickers Limited Ordinary (20-6) 20-6

Inter Nickels (dol 49) do' 49

Indian Irons (33-9) 33-9

TEA SHARES

Assam (16-0) 16-0

Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3

Empire of India (20) 20

JUTE

Barnagore (£10 3/4) £10 3/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (23-3) 23-3

Gula Kelampong (16-3) 16-3

Rubber Plant Inv Trust (24-0) 24-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (29-4 1/2) 29-4 1/2

Burma Corporation (8-1 1/2) 8-1 1/2

Rio Tintos (£11 3/4) £11 3/4

East Rand Proprietors (47-6) 46-10 1/2

Rand Mines (£8 1/2) £8 1/2

MINE SHARES

Crown (£15 3/8) £15 1/4

Association Portland Cement (68-1 1/2) 68-9

Trinidad Leaseholds (86-3) 85-0

Sub Nigel (£10 3/8) £10 3/8

Spring Mines Split Shares (26-3) 26-3

Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (20-7 1/2) 20-7 1/2

Anglo Iranian (81-3) 80-7 1/2

Burma Oil (79-4 1/2) 77-6

Mexican Eagle (7-0) 7-0

Shell Transport (81-10 1/2) 81-3

Royal Dutch (£32 3/4) £32 7/8

RAILWAY SHARES.

Great Western Ordinary (£24 3/4) £25 1/4

London Midland Ordinary (£12 3/4) £12 3/4

London North Eastern Def (£2) £2

London Southern Def (£12 5/8) £13

London Transport 5 per cent (£114 1/2) £114 1/2

London Transport '0' (£64 1/2) £65

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Brighter Tone

(SPECIAL CABLE)

LONDON, April 21

On the Stock Exchange, despite the week-end considerations and the proximity of the budget a brighter tone pervaded the markets with a marked increase of activity and strength among giltedged securities. Kaffirs attracted Cape and local attention, while Paris bought dividend payers. Commodities also experienced on the whole a more satisfactory day with prices generally higher.

Wall Street opened steady.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Good Support For Jutes And Speculatives

CALCUTTA, April 21

Jutes opened quiet but steadied up again as the day progressed on good buying support. The volume of business of course was not on broad scale. Coals kept easier with only a limited amount of trading passing. Teas were not much interested. In the miscellaneous section, Indian Iron and Steel and other speculative issues after a quiet opening steadied up gradually on fair outside support and good buying orders. Other industrials remained more or less unaltered. Government securities ruled steady.

The closing rates are:—

Government securities: Three per cent new loan 1963/65 96/2; three and half per cent Government paper 92/15; three and half per cent 1947/50 101/10; four per cent loan 1960/70 106/13 small odd lot; four and half per cent loan 1955/60 114/3; five per cent loan 1945/55 112/10; three per cent Punjab 1958 97/8 small lot.

Banks: Central 32 small odd lot; Reserve 107/8.

Cotton: New Victoria ordy as. 10.

Coals: Bhalgora 3/12; Jainty Central 1/11; Hurriladih 10/8;

Jutes: Agarpara 16/12 small lot; Bally 189 small lot; Belvedere 342; Empire 21/8 small lot; Fort William 217; Howrah 63/4; India 283; small odd lot; Nuddea 41/12; Presidency 3/8;

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 5/9; Consolidated Tin 5/10; Indian Copper 1/15; Dalmia Cement ord 9/15 ct; ditto pref 94; Burn and Co six per cent pref 125; Britannia Building and Iron 7/8; Indian Iron and Steel 23/2; Marshalls 1/8; Steel Corpn ord 10/13; ditto pref 91/8; B I Corpn ord 2/7; Dunlop Rubber ord 15; ditto second pref 98; Titaghur Paper prefd ordy 3/12; ditto 'A' ordy 12; ditto second pref 105 small lot. Mahaswastika Sugar ordy 84/8;

Teas: Kodala 13; Tumsong pref 100.

Debentures: Four per cent 1915/45; Calcutta Municipal 103/8 small lot; three and quarter per cent 1956/66; Howrah Bridge 100/12 small odd lot.—A. P

Produce Receipts

Bombay, April 21.

Wheat	2,632	cwts.
Linseed	18,872	cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	142	cwts.
Gingellyseed	187	cwts.
Poppyseed	24	cwts.
Groundnuts	5,321	cwts.
Castorseeds	615	cwts.
Rice	52,858	cwts.
Myrabollams	1,140	cwts.
Cottonseed	9,629	cwts.
Gram	2,642	cwts.
Joowar	3,757	cwts.
Barley	56	cwts.
Bajree	918	cwts.

LONDON SEEDS.

London, April 20.

Linseed La Plata April sellers	11/8/9
Linseed Calcutta April sellers	12/7/6
Linseed Bombay April sellers	12/13/9
Rapeseed Toria Apr/May sellers	11/10/0
Castorseed Bombay April May sellers	10/5/0

LONDON PRODUCE

London, April 20.

Rozario Santa Fe April sellers	20/7 1/2
Barletta Russo April/May sellers	23/3
South Australian	unquoted

LINSEED OILS

London, April 20.

Linseed oil naked London per cwt May sellers	23/10 1/2
Linseed oil naked London per cwt. July/Aug. sellers	23/10 1/2

LONDON RUBBER

London, April 20.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. sellers	8

NEW YORK COFFEE

New York, April 20.

Fair Rio coffee No. 7 quality	5 1/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 20.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£68 1/2
Indian Stock 3 per cent 1948	£67 1/4
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£79 1/4
Indian Stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£103 1/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£65 7/8
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£92 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	£93 5/8
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£103
Victory Bonds	£103
Chartered Bank of I.A. and China	£ 7 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Lond reg.	£80
National Bank of India	£28

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

London, April 20.

	This week. £
Total bullions	227,200,000
Public deposits	22,100,000
(A) Other deposits	96,500,000
Government securities	102,000,000
(B) Other securities	31,000,000
Notes and coin	42,200,000
Notes in circulation	485,000,000
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	26.78 p.c.
(A) Other deposits include	96,500,000
(B) Other securities include	6,700,000
Total deposits	118,800,000
Total securities	133,888,000

THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

Following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of th eCentral Bank of India, Limited, for the fortnight ended 15th April 1939:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital subscribed Rs. 3,36,00,000	
Capital paid-up	1,68,00,000
Reserve and Contingency Fund	80,00,000
Deposits, Debts due to Banks and Agents, Bills Payable etc.	32,33,62,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	4,21,07,000
	39,02,69,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Cash Credits and Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	9,08,71,000
Loans on Government and other Authorised securities	5,08,38,000
Bills Discounted	2,37,40,000
Lands and Buildings	1,18,28,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	3,30,72,000
Cash in hand, at Banks Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds, Government Paper, Treasury Bills, Shares, Debentures etc.	17,99,20,000
	39,02,69,000

LONDON EXCANGES.

London, April 20.

T. T. London on:—	
New York	4.68.01
Paris	176.73
Berlin	11.67 1/2
Madrid	42.25
Montreal	4.70 9/16
Amsterdam	8.81 5/8
Brussels	27.85 1/4
Milan	88.97
Berne	20.86 1/4

MORE MAZDAYASNIANS IN BOMBAY

Another Delegation Arrives

BOMBAY, Friday.

Another Madadayasnian delegation is in Bombay. Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Martin and Mr. Cyrano Huguenin arrived here this morning from Switzerland, and are staying at Taj Mahal along with Mrs. Gasque and Mrs. Casparr, the two Mazdayasnians who arrived here last year, and were touring around the country.

Mrs. Gasque, told our reporter "India is a charming country; the time I spent here has been heavenly. what men, what manners and what variegated sceneries".

During the interview our representative had with the delegation, she acted as the chief spkoes woman. She was enthusiastic about Zoroastrianism, and said that in all her wide and varied travels, wherever she went, she could see the hand of the Great Master in all matters. She could see hi beneficent influence in such high divergent aspects of civilization as agriculture and architecture, for "you know" she said with a serious expression on the face "he taught agriculture to mankind, and therefore he is the father of the soil.

The delegation is not interested in political question. To them all problems are individualistic and each one decides questions for himself according to his own light

PROHIBITION

Q: What do you think of Prohibition.—I have no opinion to offer in the subject.

Q: Would it have been introduced in America, if its evil nature were not recognised—Sorry, I cannot comment on it, for though an American by birth. I was not in America either at the time prohibition was introduced or later when it was rescinded.

Q: Being the follower of Zoraster, would you consider, that according to religious injunctions the use of liquor would be incumbent as you on occasions—We do not pretend to be such masters that an interpretation can be the last word on the matter.

NO TAKING SIDES

Q: Sociologically and economically, don't you think Prohibition is an urgent need in the Presidency and in India?—Sorry, you should know local conditions better than strangers.. What is more important, is, that we who are the guests of the nation, cannot be so unseemly as to take sides in a controversial question.

The utmost that could be got out of the visitors on the ecect of alcohol, was that in California, vegetable cocktails were becoming fashionable, as they were supposed to be good for feminine beauty. The delegates themselves are vegetarians and teetotallers.

Asked as to how they became Zorastrians, since there was no conversion among the Parsis, they said that it was simply a matter of faith and conviction with them. It was their opinion that among religions Zorastrianism, was unique, in that "each one was a leader, and no one was somebody's follower". All matters were ultimately settled by the individual for himself, the conscience acting as the sole arbiter.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

Bombay, April 21

. P and O S N ss Cathay of 8730 reg tons, Captain E E H Starling arrived from London via Tangier, Gibraltar, Marseilles, Port Said, and Aden with passengers and general cargo.

Anchor Line ss Circassia of 6580 reg tons, Captain W Gemmell arrived from Karachi with passengers and general cargo.

T Morrison ss Rajput of 3398 reg tons, Captain J Murray arrived from Rangoon via Malabar Coast Ports with rice and general cargo.

SAILED

M M ss Dumfries of 2061 reg tons, Captain R Blekey sailed for Calcutta in water ballast.

Anchor Line ss Circassia of 6580 reg tons, Captain W Gemmell sailed for Marseilles and Liverpool via Aden with passengers and same bottom cargo.

B I S N ss Vasna of 2026 reg tons, Captain T J Murphy sailed for Basra via Karachi and Persian Gulf Ports with passengers and local cargo.

P and O S N ss Cathay of 8730 reg tons, Captain E E H Starling sailed for Sydney via Colombo and Australian Ports with passengers local and same bottom cargo.

LOADING

The following vessels booked for loading on 21-4-39.

S S City of Bath (F F C) for American Ports via Marmagoa and Rangoon.

S S Stratheden (M M) for Aden, Port Sudan, Europe and American Ports.

STEAMERS IN DOCKS

ALEXANDRA DOCK

Bombay, April 21

4 Nagato Maru 4325 Karachi 22-4 N Y Kaisha

5 Almkerk 4046 Marmagoa 23-4 L Edwards

8 Pres Monroe 6529 New York 22-4 F F Campbell

11 City of Venice 5492 Karachi N F K Nixon

13 Tairea 3756 Durban 26-4 M M

14 Windsorwood 3146 Vizagapatam 29-4 L Edwards

15 Baron Belhoven 3921 Shanghai 27-4 M M

VICTORIA DOCK

3 Vita 1955 Karachi 22-4 M M

6 Oostcappelle 348 Malabar Coast 21-4 Merchant S N

8 Leana 2915 Rangoon 23-4 Scindia S N

14 Barala 1899 Persian Gulf 26-4 M M

PRINCE'S DOCK

A Akbar 2479 Karachi 21-4 T Morrison

B Jehangir 2157 Red Sea Ports 22-4 T Morrison

G Janaki 530 Malabar Coast 23-4 Malabar Steamship.

H Offside Shrivati 250 N F N F Malabar Steamship

H Revati 250 Malabar Coast N F Malabar Steamship.

N/O Jalaveera 3089 Akyab 22-4 Scindia S N

P Graciosa 1029 Bangkok 25-4 F F Campbell.

Steamers Expected

FROM LONDON

Ranchi 27-4-39 P and O S N

Strathmore 4-5-39 P and O S N

Viceroy of India 11-5-39 P and O S N

Stratheden 24-4-39 P and O S N

Rawalpindi 25-5-39 P and O S N

FROM LIVERPOOL

City of Melbourne 27-4-39 K Nixon

Halizone 24-4-39 J Finlay

FROM HULL

City of Kobe 23-4-39 J Finlay

FROM HAMBURG

Lindenfels 30-4-39 L Edwards

Braunfels 9-5-39 L Edwards

FROM NEW YORK

City of Auckland 23-4-39 F F Campbell

Pres Van Buren 18-5-39 F F Campbell

Pres. Adams 4-5-39 F F Campbell

FROM OSLO

Sumatra 6-5-39 L Edwards

FROM TRIESTE

Conte Rosso 24-4-39 L Triestino

FROM GENOA

Victoria 8-5-39 L Triestino

FROM CHINA AND JAPAN

Glasgow Maru 9-5-39 O S Kaisha

Anyo Maru 29-4-39 N Y Kaisha

Conte Biancamano 11-5-39 L Triestino

Haruna Maru 23-4-39 N Y Kaisha

Eihuku Maru 23-4-39 O S Kaisha

Conte Rosso 25-5-39 L Triestino

FROM BASRA

Barpeta 20-4-39 M M

Varsova 22-4-39 M M

FROM RANGOON

Jalaganga 22-4-39 Scindia S N

Jalabala 22-4-39 Scindia S N

FROM SYDNEY

Mooltan 22-4-39 P and O S N

FROM DURBAN

Kenya 29-4-39 M M

Takliwa 13-5-39 M M

Quiloa 24-4-39 M M

FROM BAHREIN

Salsten 20-4-39 Caltex (India)

FROM CALCUTTA

Gharinda 21-4-39 M M

Orna 25-4-39 M M

Jalaputra 23-4-39 Scindia S N

FROM KARACHI

Vita 27-4-39 M M

Cilicia 10-5-39 Anchor Line

Sailing Dates

FOR LONDON

Strathnaver 6-5-39 P and O S N

Viceroy of India 13-5-39 P and O S N

Narkunda 20-5-39 P and O S N

Mooltan 22-4-39 P and O S N

Stratheden 29-4-39 P and O S N

FOR LIVERPOOL

City of Venice 8-5-39 K Nixon

Cilicia 10-5-39 Anchor Line

FOR GERMANY

Uhenfels 25-4-39 L Edwards

FOR NEW YORK

City of Auckland 25-4-39 F F Campbell

FOR TRIESTE

Conte Rosso 25-5-39 L Triestino

FOR ABADAN

Bri Soldier 25-4-39 Anglo Iranian Oil

FOR GENOA

Conte Biancamano 11-5-39 L Triestino

FOR CHINA AND JAPAN

Victoria 8-5-39 L Triestino

Haruna Maru 24-4-39 N Y Kaisha

Nagato Maru 4-5-39 N Y Kaisha

Eihuku Maru 8-5-39 O S K Kaisya

Baron Belhaven 27-4-39 M M

Bhutan 25-4-39 P and O S N

Ranchi 27-4-39 P and O S N

Jeypore 28-4-39 P and O S N

Glasgow Maru 23-5-39 O S Kaisha

Conte Rosso 24-4-39 L Triestino

FOR SYDNEY

Strathmore 4-5-39 P and O S N

FOR BASRA

Barala 26-4-39 M M

Varsova 27-4-39 M M

FOR DURBAN

Tairea 26-4-39 M M

Kenya 10-5-39 M M

FOR JEDDAH

Jehangir 23-4-39 T Morrison

FOR RANGOON

Leana 23-4-39 Scindia S N

FOR AKYAB

Jalaveera 22-4-39 Scindia S N

FOR CALCUTTA

Orna 3-5-39 M M

FOR KARACHI

Vita 29-4-39 M M

Nagato Maru 22-4-39 N Y Kaisya

City of Venice 22-4-39 K Nixon

B P. T. GENERAL LANDING DATES

S S King Edgar 19-4-39

S S Liana 20-4-39

S S Akbar 20-4-39

S S Oostcappelle 20-4-39

S S Bhadravati 20-4-39

S S Irrawadi 21-4-39

S S Kalavati 21-4-39

EXPORTS

S S City of Venice for Liverpool: 125 bales cotton raw C Parakh; 11 bales wool raw The Bombay Co; 105 bales wool raw Vasanji; 11 bales wool raw H A Panjee; 13 bales wool raw H E Dossa; 1334 bags gr nut oil cake exp A Oomerbhoy.

For Antwerp: 55 bales raw cotton Suleman.

S S Mooltan for London: 106 bales pcs lamb skins with fur Grindlay; 39 bales fish maws K M Shroff; 69 cases bristles B Phillips and Hayley; 12 bales pcs lamb skins Cox and Kings (Agents).

For Malta: 45 bags gingellyseed R Shantilal; 14 bales ctn cold piecegoods P K Afshar.

S S Pres Monroe for New York: 67 bags psyllium seeds D Abraham; 89 bags sandalwood S Nowroji.

S S City of Bath for Wellington: 2560 bags myrabollams K Devchand.

S S Bhutan for Hongkong: 66 pkgs gum E S Abdul Kyum; 63 jottas ooplate E S Abdul Kyum; 50 bags ooplate D Manoharlal; 126 bales ctn grey yarn E S Abdul Kyum; 606 pkgs gum A H Ismail; 30 bags roots A H Ismail 334 bags real ooplate A H Ismail; 1037 bags kuth E D Sassoon.

S S Almkerk for Sydney: 50 bales ctn twist waste J Carpet.

S S Haruna Maru for Shanghai: 100 bales raw cotton V Ladha; 400 bales raw cotton V Morarjee; 1100 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 100 bales raw cotton K Visram; 100 bales raw cotton S Karamshi; 100 bales raw cotton K M Nathoo.

For Hongkong: 20 bundles sandalwood A Purshotam; 15 jottas sandalwood chips R Purshotam; 100 bundles gum E Mavjee; 20 bags real ooplate E Mavjee; 225 bundles gum H Mahomed; 40 jottas A Bafatia E Mavji.

S S Baron Belhavein for Shagnhai: 125 bales raw cotton V Morarjee; 21 bales raw cotton T M Kaisha; 400 bales raw cotton A Khimji; 100 bales raw cotton B Harakchand.

S S Nagato Maru for Kobe: 200 bales raw cotton V Ladha.

IMPORTS

S S City of Worcester Agents F F Campbell and Co from St. John: 50 dms carbide of calcium; 106 loose springs; 113 cases dry storage batteries; 87 boxes auto parts; 54 bales fertilizers.

From New York: 90 cases medicines; 129 pkgs auto parts; 69 cases auto parts; 62 cases wheels; 716 drums lubg oil; 50 drums petroleum jelly; 98 ctns elect fans; 55 loose auto casings; 324 bales overissued newspaper; 70 cases veg oil; 45 bags calcium chloride flake; 50 bales rubber tiring; 300 bales old newspaper; 110 cases glucose.

From Philadelphia: 1500 drums lubg oil; 540 cases lubg oil; 90 bales scrap leather.

S S Strathairn Agents M Mackenzie from London: 257 cases biscuits; 148 bags rice; 421 cases Glucose D; 66 cases booklets; 309 loose tyre outer covers; 96 cases books; 151 cases lime juice; 147 cases auto parts; 60 cases rice starch; 220 bags borax; 345 bars silver; 95 cases horlicks; 111 drums paint; 107 cases cigarettes; 70 cases lemon squash; 166 cases cordials; 157 cases confy choc provs, preserves etc; 55 cases lubg oil; 79 cases boot polish; 319 trusses water proof paper; 64 bundles stl conduit tubes; 47 cases ovaltine; 217 cases gin; 160 tins pitch; 100 bags malleable iron pipe fittings; 224 cases whisky; 217 bundles tubes; 100 loose tubes; 50 cases elect switch gear; 78 coils bare copper wire;

From Basle: 153 drums aniline colour.

From Bordeaux: 105 cases brandy.

From Amsterdam: 100 bags barley

From Charente: 175 cases brandy.

From Copenhagen: 115 cases milk.

From Havre: 70 casks aniline dye.

From Gibralter: 56 cases wine.

From Oslo: 59 bales news print paper.

From Marseilles: 50 cases brandy; 150 cases mineral water; 50 cases safety fuse; 350 kegs lead ore; 84 cases iron bolts and nuts;

From Alexandria: 365 bales cotton.

From Port Said: 50 bales cotton.

From Middlesbrough: 70 cyl autydios ammonia; 840 bags chemicals; 80 loose m s angles; 110 nongs steel plates; 300 bags zinc oxide.

From Copenhagen: 90 cases danish milk.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 21.

Yarn No. 6 1/2s.—			
April	97	0	0
June	97	0	0
August	98	0	0
Yarn No. 10 1/2s.—			
April	108	0	0
June	108	0	0
August	108	8	0
Yarn No. 20 1/2s—			
April	142	0	0
June	142	8	0
August	143	0	0
Yarn No. 40s.—			
April	216	0	0
June	216	0	0
August	217	0	0

Mills To Obtain Specified Grades Of Cotton

C. C. C. PERMITS PARTIAL RELEASE OF LOAN HOLDINGS

Scattered Selling On N. Y. Exchange

BOMBAY, April 21.

The commodity credit Corporation has, ruled permitting producers to obtain release of any part of 1939 loan cotton against payment of the loan price plus interest and carrying charges.

Hitherto growers could repossess only full lots pledged under loan which were often of assorted grades and Samples. Under the new ruling mills it is now believed will be able to obtain grades of cotton.

Bombay was a seller on the New York cotton market on Wednesday where Secretary Wallace's intimation of a subsidy agreement in several weeks had no immediate influence.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The market opened steady. Increased May liquidation and Liverpool and Commission House selling was absorbed by trade and Spot houses. Locals bought on the firmness of stocks. The C.C.C. ruling permitting partial releases of 1937 loan cotton may make specified grades available to Eastern Mills. Later on May rallied on covering and the market closed steady.

At the opening July was quoted one point down at 7.83 and improved to 7.84 which was the highest level for the day. At the rise there was increased selling and prices declined to 7.79 which was the lowest level. The market closed at a net decline of 1 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices declined one point at 8.97c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also quiet and closed at a decline of 3 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced 12 points at 8.85c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a decline of 5 points with July 4.39. Liquidation and selling on Wallace's statement that an export subsidy plan will be announced shortly but the market was quiet, pending more concrete developments. There was liquidation of May, American straddle selling, hedging of outsiders and Bombay selling. Fears of subsidy was dominating influence but it was thought that no release in time would affect May option. The market closed at a decline of 3 to 9 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices closed unchanged at 5.01d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Egyptian cotton market was quiet. Giza futures closed 8 to 7 points down and Uppers lost 6 to 2 points. The Alexandria cotton market was quietly steady and Sakels futures advanced 2 to 12 points while Ashmouni futures improved 4 to 12 points.

NARROW PARITY.

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. state:—

During the past week all markets have been overshadowed by the developments in the International situation, and discussion about the export subsidy has been pushed into the background. In fact opinion has been swinging round to the view that owing to legal difficulties it is unlikely that Loan cotton can be released during the remainder of this season unless at a price above the Loan level. It is also realised that the export subsidy plan would bring about so many complications that it will have to be given further serious consideration before it can be adopted. The effect on the market has been a decided recovery in the near month position in New York and a general recovery in Liverpool where the parity with America had gone too narrow under present market conditions. The above mentioned movement in the market has been of a technical nature and has not been brought about by any appreciable increase in trade demand as the latter has been interfered with largely by the uncertainties of the political situation. Meantime consumption in America continues on a good scale, that of last month having reached the very satisfactory figure of 649,000 bales. With so much cotton in the Loan and with the probability of no enforced release a tight position must develop between now and the end of July. Provided there is no War in the near future, consumers will turn their attention to outside growths, the supply of which will be largely taken up by the end of the present American cotton year. So far as we can see this will mean that by the time the next American crop commences to move to market it will not meet with much competition from elsewhere and it is unlikely that Loan cotton will be sold during the marketing period. We consider therefore that an export subsidy need not be considered for some time to come.

BULLS IN ACTIVE.

The local market has been quietly steady. Bull operators have been inactive. European exporters have reported no fresh demand but a fair business has been done with the Far East, chiefly for Shanghai. There has been a good turnover in the spot market, exporters being the chief buyers. Mills generally have shown little interest, which is not surprising in view of the poor conditions which prevail in the cloth and yarn markets.

Supplies in the interior are becoming exhausted and from now on port stocks should decline steadily. The market looks like keeping quietly steady with a possibility of a moderate advance.

Trading in New Crop contracts was officially allowed a few days ago and Broach is now quoted at about one rupee under the July/August price. Trading so far has not been on a large scale and speculative buying, although only moderate, has been in sufficient volume to prevent a greater discount."

PRIVATE CABLES

N. Y. July Highest (10-10 a.m.)	7.84
N. Y. July Lowest (10-49 a.m.)	7.79—05
Liverpool July Highest	4.42—02
Liverpool July Lowest	4.38—06

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cable from one of their Liverpool friends:

Wallace states cotton programme be announced next few weeks and will contain provision for export subsidy, also continuation wheat subsidy."

Messrs. Bishwambharlal Maheshwari have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

New York:—

Circulation of notice may cause some temporary weakness Government policies indicate procrastination undertone poot new crop.

May liquidation continues feature with less nervousness among shorts due doubt Bombay Liverpool trade longs intent upon stopping tenders.

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following cables from their Liverpool and New York friends:—

Liverpool:—"Renewed selling on Wallaces referring probability announcement scheme few weeks including subsidy."

New York:—"Increased May liquidation well absorbed. Shorts transferred December. Reserved board head proposes embargo imports silver."

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

New York.—Foreign and Bombay selling nears and also transferring to distants. Trade reversing.

Messrs. E. J. Schwabach and Co., have received the following cable:—

Modified type export subsidy seem likely. The tendency is to market the next crop and not to increase Government Stocks.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 20.

May	8.22—01
July	7.81—03
October	7.42—03
December	7.33—03
January	7.32—04
March	7.38—02
Middling spot	8.97—01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, April 20.

May	8.32—03
July	7.92—03
October	7.52—03
Middling Spot	8.58—12

NEW YORK
New York, April 20.
11 a.m. Ranges.—

May	8.21/8.21
July	7.81/7.81
October	7.41/7.41
Noon Call—	
May	8.21
July	7.81
October	7.41

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York, April 20.

	Bales.
Day's receipts at all U.S. Ports	nil
Day's exports to Great Britain	4,000
Day's exports to the Continent	3,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	4,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON
Liverpool, April 20.

April	4.63—03
May	4.63—03
June	4.49—04
July	4.39—05
August	4.34—06
September	4.27—09
October	4.26—09
November	4.24—09
December	4.26—09
January	4.27—09
February	4.28—09
March	4.30—09
April	4.31—09
Middling spot	5.01
10-12 a.m. quotations.—	
May	4.61
July	4.39

AMERICAN COTTON CROP

The U.S.A. Agricultural Bureau Report has issued the following weekly weather report:—

The report indicates that dryness and sunshine are needed in the North for field work but generally active progress is being made in the South.

ALL-INDIA COTTON CROP

The All-India Cotton Crop Forecast issued to-day indicates area under cultivation 2,35,50,000 acres and the expected production is 51,20,000 Bales. The area shows decrease of 9 per cent and crop reduction is 11 per cent.

Cotton Tenders

Bombay, April 21

	To-day	Total
Broach A/M	100	8100

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 21.

There being only one stray tender of 100 bales against Broach A/M. delivery there was fairly active support to-day in the local market by professional operators who is reported to be manipulating the market.

As usual the monthly tejimandi settlement which is also falls due to-day attracted active support for Broach J/A. delivery. In sympathy with a decline of 3 points in New York cotton futures, the market was expected to open at Rs. 153/12 for Broach J/A. delivery but under professional support prices opened at Rs. 154 and quietly advanced to Rs. 155/2. Later on there was scattered realising and prices eased on to Rs. 154/12 where the market steadied.

New crop months were not at all influenced by the firmness of near months and there was no improvement in Broach A/M. delivery which stood at Rs. 151/4.

It will be seen that the professional bulls are making efforts to harden prices.

The All-India Cotton Crop estimate being as expected failed to have any effect on prices. Liverpool market opened at a rise of 2 points and the local market was steady with a moderate business. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F. G. M. G.—	
Broach A/M 1939	Rs. 155 0 0
Broach J/A 1939	154 14 0
Broach A/M 1940	151 2 0
Fine M.G.—	
Oomra May 1939	142 6 0
Oomra July 1939	142 6 0
Oomra Jan. 1940	137 0 0
F. G. M. G.—	
Bengal May 1939	115 12 0
Bengal July 1939	116 0 0
Bengal Jan 1940	115 0 0

WEATHER OVER U. S. A. COTTON BELT

Liverpool, April 21

Slightly warmer. Light to moderate rainfall in Arkansas, and Memphis districts. Forecast: Western Belt generally fair, all balance entire Belt partly cloudy.

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, April 21.

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup	Fine	FG.	Good
M. G.—					
Bengal U.P.	124	121	118		115
Punjab	124	121	118		115
Rajuptana	126	123	120		117
Oomra No. 3	151	148	145	142	...
C. P. No. 1	166	163	160	157	...
C. P. No. 2	157	154	151	148	...
Broach No. 2	162	160	158		155
Punjab-Ame.	185	183	180		178
Surat	204	202	200		198
Rajpipla	201	199	197		195
Navsari	212	211	209		207

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, April 21.

Bengal Superfine	122/23
Bengal Fine	118/19
Bengal F.G.	116/17
C. P. 1	157/60
C. P.-2	149/50
Arvi	148/49
Amraoti	140/44
Ellichpur	148/49
Berar	143/44
Malkapur	138/40
Khandesh	122/32
Jalna/Sailu	136/38
Burwah/Sanavad	140/42
Khandwa	140/42
Mathia F.G.	112/17
Broach	159/60
Punjab 4 F.	178/83
Punjab 289F.	205/08
Sindh N.T.	190/95
Ankleshwar/Jaghadia	195/97
Surat	190/203
Navsari	207/10
Western Farm	170/75

Indian Cotton Figures

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY
Bombay, April 21
Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday This year	Last year
Khandesh	38,155	47,873
Central India	106 207,834	39,060
Barsi and Nagar	72,047	135,119
Hyderabad Gaorani	28 4,259	38,629
Berar	179 160,074	289,408
Central Provinces	34,685	63,188
Total Oomras	313 517,054	613,277
Dholera	289 170,831	66,122
N W Provinces	2,401	2,754
Rajputana	380 56,409	14,018
Sind Punjab	936 302,036	481,361
Broach	1,505 350,064	161,078
Coompta and Dharwar	1,439 37,932	17,414
Westerns Northerns	434 30,407	12,564
Cocoanada	84	12
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	2,563	1,678
American	2,957	155,978
Egyptian, African and Sudan	750 225,847	313,920
Comilla, Burma and other sorts	41	1,171
Total	6,046 1,698,628	1,841,327
Arrived by road to 13th April 1939	287,055	

Exports From Bombay

1st Sept to 13th April

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday This year	Last year
Europe	440 217,554	198,724
Japan and China	14,200 691,495	433,387
Coast Ports	25,700	44,037
Up-country by Rail	185,638	256,632
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan	24,882	
Total	14,640 1,148,269	932,780

American Cotton Figures

F.P. Bales.	1938-39	1937-38
Receipts to date 20-4-39	3609000	7460000
Receipts Yesterday 20-4-39	—	2000
Exports to date 20-4-39	3074000	5182000
Stock at Ports 14-4-39	2219000	2861000
Stock at Interior Towns 14-4-39	2867000	2335000
Stock at Liverpool 14-4-39	919000	1213000
Visible Supply 14-4-39	6020000	6940000
Quantity in sight 14-4-39	8520000	12869000
Quantity out of sight 14-4-39	8135000	8810000

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, April 21.

Yesterday London gold prices closed unchanged at £7-8-6 1/2. London Paris Exchange rate was 2 points up at 176.73 and dollar sterling cross rate closed at 4.68.01 at London and 4.68 1/16 at New York. London silver prices for spot remained unchanged at 20 1/16d. and forward quotation was raised 1/16d. to 19 15/16d. There was small speculative buying and selling. There was scattered forward demand and the market was steady but idle. New York spot silver prices were unchanged at 42 3/4 cents and Shanghai T. T. on London was quoted 0/8. London Bombay spot silver parity was Rs. 52 13 6 and forward was Rs. 52-9. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 23-11-6. The local market was quiet with scattered selling in silver which kept prices down but gold was fairly steady with a restricted business. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	36 15 9
Vaishakh delivery	37 0 3
Vaishakh Tejimandi	0 1 6
Jeth delivery	37 0 6
Jeth Tejimandi	0 3 6

SILVER

Ready	52 12 0
Vaishakh delivery	52 10 0
Vaishakh Tejimandi	0 6 0
Jeth delivery	52 9 6
Jeth Tejimandi	0 12 0

LONDON SILVER
London, April 20.

Spot	20 1/16
Forward	19 15/16

LONDON GOLD
London, April 20.

Gold bars fine per oz	£7-8-6 1/2

LONDON METALS

London, April 20.

Copper	£42 7 6
Lead	£14 12 6
Spelter	£13 13 9
Tin	£216 10 0

Bombay Metals

Bombay, April 21

London market	
Standard copper cash (buyers)	£42-5-0
Standard copper 3 months	£42-10-0
Electrolytic copper	£48-10-0
Bombay market—	
Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 40-8-0
Copper sheets	Rs. 50-0-0

Tone: Steady.

Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, April 20.

May	£10-8-9.
June	£10-10-0.

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, April 21.

Castorseeds May—	
Opening	26 8 0
Highest	26 8 0
Lowest	26 4 0
Closing	26 5 0
Groundnuts May—	
Opening	27 10 6
Highest	27 11 0
Lowest	27 8 3
Closing	27 9 3
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	25 9 0
Highest	25 9 0
Lowest	25 1 0
Closing	25 1 9
Castorseeds Sept.—	
Opening	27 10 0
Highest	27 11 0
Lowest	27 10 0
Closing	27 10 0
Groundnuts Sept.—	
Opening	28 11 3
Highest	28 12 0
Lowest	28 9 6
Closing	28 11 9
Groundnuts Aug.—	
Opening	25 14 0
Highest	25 14 9
Lowest	25 11 6
Closing	25 11 9

Indian Wheat Crop

The third all India wheat forecast was: acreage 32,999,000, yield 92,25,000 tons representing decreases of 2 per cent and 9 per cent respectively. The report was about as expected and had little effect on the market.

Wheat Liverpool

Liverpool, April 20.

May	53 3/4d.
May New	51 1/8d.
July	57 7/8d.
October	54 7/8d.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, April 20.

May	dol 0.69 1/4.
July	dol 0.68 1/8.
September	dol 0.68 1/2.

LONDON SUGAR

London, April 20.

May	7s. 2 1/2d.

Bombay Sugar

New York, April 20.

July	2.01.
September	2.06.
November	2.09.
January	2.02.

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, April 21.

Ready Javas	15 14 0
Shipment April-May	6 9 6
Shipment June	6 7 6
Shipment July	6 6 6
Shipment August	6 5 6
Shipment September	6 2 6
Java Spot	F 6.65.

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

Br. A/May N. Y. May Rs. 42; Liverpool May Rs. 48 1/2.

Br. J/Aug. N Y July Rs. 35; Liverpool July Rs. 37 1/2.

New York Liverpool: May 82; July 75; Oct. 88; Dec. 97; Jan. 100.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, April 21.

3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	92/14
2 3/4 per cent 1948/62	96/10
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	98/12
3 per cent 1941 Bonds	101/6
3 per cent 1963/65	96/6
3 1/2 per cent 1947/55	101/8
4 per cent 1940/43 Bonds	106/10
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	108/14
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan	114/4
5 per cent U P Bonds	98
5 per cent 1939/44 Loan	100/4
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan	104
TAX FREES	
5 per cent 1945/55	112/6
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	111/8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	124
CORPORATION DEBENTURES	
4 per cent 1972 B P T	108
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	107
5 per cent 1959 M Deb	117
6 per cent M Deb 1954	128
6 per cent K P T 1956	128

Note:—3 1/2 per cent Government paper opened at Rs. 92/14 and touched at Rs. 93 to close at Rs. 92/11.

Tone:—Easy.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 21.

B C RATES—

T T D D 1/5 7/8 April May

LONDON—

Bank's selling T T D D	1/5 29/32
Bank's buying T T	1/5 31/32
Bank's buying D D	1/5 31/32
Bank's buying 3 months	1/6 1/16 to Feb.

NEW YORK—

Bank's selling T T	287
Bank's buying T T	284 1/2
Bank's buying D D	283 3/4

PARIS—

Bank's selling T T	1,309
Bank's buying T T	1,327

JAPAN—

Bank's selling T T	78 1/2
Bank's buying T T	77 3/4
Bank's buying 60 days	77

AMSTERDAM—

Bank's selling D D	65 1/4

JAVA—

Bank's selling D D	65 1/8

HONGKONG—

Bank's selling D D	83 1/8

SHANGHAI—

Bank's selling D D	47

SINGAPORE—

Bank's selling D D	156 1/4

BERLIN—

Bank's selling D D	88 1/8

CROSS RATES—

Hongkong/London 1/2 11/16 21st instant

Shanghai/London 0/8 1/4 21st instant.

Japan/London 1/2 1/64 21st instant

Java/London 8.79 3/8 21st instant.

New York/London 4.68.18 20th instant.

London/New York 4.68.01 20th instant

London/Paris 176.73 20th instant.

London/Italy 83.97 20th instant.

London/Brussels 27.85 1/4 20th instant.

London/Switzerland 20.86 1/4 20th instant.

London/Berlin 11.67 1/2 20th instant.

London/Stockholm 19.42 3/8 20th instant.

London/Amsterdam 8.81 5/8 20th instant.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.

Gold £7-8-6 1/2 19th instant.

Gold £7-8-6 1/2 20th instant.

Silver London Ready 20 1/16 19th instant.

Silver London Ready 20 1/16 20th instant.

Silver London Forward 19 7/8 19th instant.

Silver London Forward 19 15/16 20th instant.

Silver New York Ready 43 19th instant.

Silver New York Ready 43 20th instant

London Discounts 3 months 1 3/16 per cent 19th instant.

London Discounts 3 months 1 9/16 per cent 20th instant.

London Discounts 6 months 2 1/2 per cent 19th instant.

London Discounts 6 months 2 1/2 per cent 20th instant.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—

Call 1 1/2 per cent.

3 months 1 3/4 per cent

6 months 1 1/2 per cent.

Tone: Steady.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, April 20.

Call Loan London	1/2
3 per cent	67 1/4
3 1/2 per cent	79 1/4
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	97 1/2
4 per cent 1948/53	102
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	103 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	107 1/4
5 per cent 1942/47	105 1/4
3 per cent 1949/52	93 1/2
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	65 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	93 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	103
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	35

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay, April 20

The following are the weekly quotations for the Precious Metals.

Platinum 100 per cent Rs. 48 per tola Elephant Brand

Platinum 97 per cent Rs. 47 per tola Elephant Brand.

Platinum 25 per cent Rs. 14 per tola Anchor Brand.

Palladium 100 per cent Rs. 35 per tola

Iridium 100 per cent Rs. 100 per tola

Osmium 100*per cent Rs. 65 per tola

Ruthenium 100 per cent Rs. 55 per tola.

Rhodium 100 per cent Rs. 165 per tola

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, April 20.

SAKELS—	
May	11.35+3.
July	11.40—0.
November	11.86+12.
ASHMOUNI—	
April	9.29+ 4.
June	9.35+10.
August	9.42+12.
October	9.29+ 8.
December	9.31+ 7.
GIZA—	
May	11.06+ 5.
July	11.19+ 7.
November	11.31+ 8.
January	11.42—14.

Quiet Conditions Persist Among Steels

NARROW RANGE OF MOVEMENT

Small Selling And Prices Mostly Unchanged

BOMBAY, April 21.

Signor Mussolini's speech was interpreted on Wall-Street as moderately favourable and with the market feeling that the European situation was temporarily more quiescent, the final list was generally higher in a steady close despite lanqu d nature of operations. U. S. Steel shares improved 1/2 to 47-3/4 dols., Anaconda Coppers declined 1/8 to 23-1/8 dols. and General Motors advanced 7/8 to 41-1/4 dols.

In response to these advices the local market opened very steady but quiet conditions persisted throughout the session. It will be observed that there was no inclination to follow-up the market as anticipated and under scattered selling prices reacted.

The market is now moving within narrow range and neither Bulls nor Bears find attractive and they are not in a position to change their open interest. Professionals are firmly holding their purchases and sales, awaiting fresh developments.

Tata Steel Dfd. shares opened at Rs. 1,182 and after advancing to Rs. 1,197 declined to Rs. 1,177 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1,180.

Cotton Mill shares were fairly steady and registered small gains, but it was mainly due to absence of selling pressure. Associated Cement shares, after recent improvement, found no support and scattered realising was in evidence.

TEXTILE SHARES

BOMBAY, April 21

100	Ahmd. Advance	376 4
100	BOM. DYEING	757 8
100	CENTURY	206 0
100	CETRAL INDIA	204 8
100	COLABA	105 8
100	Coorla	95 0
250	David	75 0
250	Dawn	310 0
1.	E. D. Sassoon	0-3-3
100	Finlay	XD 90 8
100	GOKAK	123 0
1.000	Hindustan	1.705 0
100	Indore	46 8
100	Khatau	98 0
100	KOHINOOR	212 8
250	Laxmi	460 0
250	Madras United	35 0
100	Morarji	115 0
250	Model	39 8
50	MYSORE	82 8
200	NEW GREAT	182 12
100	Osmanshahi	40 0
100	PHOENIX	211 4
25	Sassoon Silk	68 0
1,000	Sholapur	3.200 0
50	SIMPLEX	66 12
100	SVADESHI	202 0
100	Swan	XD 85 0
500	Vishnu	1050 0
1.000	Westerns	860 0
	BANKS	
50-100	Baroda	109 8
25-50	Central	31 14
500	Imperial	1501 4
125-500	Imp. Conty	364 8
50-100	India	136 8
100	Reserve Bank	109 4
5	Union	5-14-0
	CEMENTS	
100	Associated	118 8
	INSURANCE	
100	Empire	635 0
15-100	Jupiter	12 0
20	Mercantile	53 8
15-75	New India	33 8
200	Oriental	4225 0
10-50	Vulcan	7 1
	ELECTRIC	
100	Ah. Old	137 8
1,000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1360 0
10	Ajmer	11 4
50	Bombay Tram	126 12
100	Bombay Suburban	141 4
10	Broach	10 6
100	Karachi	186 4
100	Poona	167 8
100	Surat	146 4
100	TATA HYDRO	144 8
1000	TATA POWERS	1217 8
	RAILWAYS	
500	Ahmedabad Prantij	958 12
100	C. Province	100 8
100	Dh. Baramati	101 8
100	Gujarat	96 8
100	Mandra Bhon	101 0
100	Pachora Jamner	87 0
100	Sara Serajganj	100 8
500	Tapti Valley	750 0
	MININGS	
9	Burma Corp	XD 5 7
2sh.	Indian Copper	1 15
10	Indian Iron & Steel	23 2
10	Shivrajpur	XD 32 8
30	TATA STEEL DEFDS	1,177 8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	256 8
	MISCELLANEOUS	
100	ALCOCK	318 0
10	Air Services	7 12
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	173 0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	793 0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	210 8
125	B. BURMA	427 8
50	B. BURMA CONTY.	147 8
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3-2-3
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	80 0
100	IND. BLEACHING	98 0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	40 8
100	I. Radio Defd..	301 4
100	I. Radio Ord.	345 0
100	Port Canning	68 8
30	Premier Con.	59 8
10	Scindia	17 0
25	Tata Oil Mill (nil)	35 14
	PREFERENCE	
5-1/2	Amalgamated (T.F.)	106 0
7	p. c. Andhra Valley	1417 8
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	285 0
7	p. c Bombay Tram (T.F.)	75 4
5	p. c. Central India (T.F.)	565 0
6-1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 1st	104 0
6-1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	96 4
7	p.c. Tata Hydro.	144 1
7½	p. c. Tata Power	1515 0
6	p. c. Tata Steel 1st	205 0
7½	p.c. Tata Steel second	154 0
7	p.c. Vishnu	717 8
	DEBENTURES	
3-3/4	p.c. Andhra Valley	101 12
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	105 10
7	p.c. Bombay Telephone	50 4
7	p.c. Sholapur	80 0

6 p.c. Tata Hydro 105 4

(Capital Letters indicate Shares on Forward List).

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, April 21.

Bombay Dyeing (755) 758 757 760 756 757

Century (206) 208 209 207 206

Central India (203) 204 207 205 206 205 204/5

Kohinoor (208) 209 212 214 213 212/8

New Great (180) 181 184 183

Simplex (66) 66 67 66/12

Swadeshi (201) 201 203 202 205 202

Associated Cement (119/12) 119/12 119 118/4

Andhra (1350) 1355 1360

Tram. Ord. (126/8) 126/8 126/12

Tata Hydro (144/6) 144/8

Tata Power (1215) 1215 1217

T. Steel Dfd. (1180) 1192 1190 1195 1186 1190 1175 1177

T. Steel Ord. (256/8) 258 259 256 256/8

Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (154/8) 154/8 154/12 154

Bellapur (173) 173

B. Steam (210/8) 211 210/8

B. Burma (427/8) 430 429 430 427

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, April 20.

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have received the following quotations of the New York Stock Exchange.

	Dol.
American Power and Light Common	4
American Power and Light 5 p.c. Pfd.	33
Electric Bond Common	8
Electric Bond 5 p.c. Pfd	54
Columbia Gas and Electric	6
Amr. Tel. and Tel.	156 1/4
Sun Life of Canada	390
Western Union Telg.	18 7/8
Union Pacific	88
New York Central	14
Amrex Corporation	21 1/2
Texas Corporation	38 1/4
Union Carbon and Carbide	73 5/8
Curtiss Wright	5
United States Steel	47 3/4
United States Steel Pref	109 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	56
Bethlehem Steel 7 p.c. Pfd.	105
Republic Steel	15
United States Smelting	50
Anaconda Copper Mining	23 1/8
Int. Nickel of Canada	45 3/4
Chrysler Motors	62
General Electric	34 1/2
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2
Socony	11 7/8
Chase National Bank	29 1/2
National City Bank	23

Turnover 525,000 shares. Brokers loans up 10 million dollars. Carloadings up 12346 units. Business sentiment less pressimistic and impression here is that war fears abated. There is growing feeling that the recent low quotations in Wall Street discount even further drop in business indices. Further recovery awaits news from Washington or about European developments. In the interval market should remain within trading range.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 20.

Broach A/M. op 152 3/4; highest 154 1/4; lowest 152 3/4; closing 154 1/8

Broach J/A op 152 5/8; highest 153 3/4; lowest 152 5/8; closing 153 5/8.

New Broach A/M 1940 op 151 3/4; highest 151 3/4; lowest 151 1/4; closing 151 1/2

Oomra May op 141 1/2; highest 141 3/4; lowest 141 1/2; closing 141 3/4.

Oomra July op 141 1/2; highest 141 3/4; lowest 141 1/2; closing 141 3/4

Oomra D/J op 137 1/2; highest 137 3/4; lowest 137; closing 137.

Bengal May op 114; highest 114 7/8; lowest 114; closing 114 7/8

Bengal July op 114 1/2; highest 115 1/4; lowest 114 1/2; closing 115 1/4

Bengal D/J op 114 3/4; highest 115 1/4; lowest 114 3/4; closing 115 1/4

Night session: Broach J/A op 153 5/8; highest 154; lowest 153 3/8; closing 153 3/4. Broach A/M. 1940 closed 151 1/4.

Egyptian Cotton

Liverpool, April 20.

GIZA 2.—	
Spot	6.61—0.
May	6.42—8.
July	6.51—8.
October	6.60—7.
November	6.60—7.
January	6.64—7.
March	6.65—7.
UPPERS—	
Spot	5.65—3.
May	5.47—8.
July	5.50—4.
October	5.54—3.
November	5.52—3.
January	5.54—2.
March	5.56—2.

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Fight For Peace: Moscow's Gesture

Soviet Proposals For Anti-Fascist Front

Prepared To Pledge All Forces Along With Britain & France To Resist Aggression

LONDON, April 21.

THE "Daily Telegraph" understands that the Soviet Government have communicated to London proposals which establish beyond doubt its willingness to join with Britain and France in pledging the three nations' entire forces and resources to resist aggression in Europe.

It should shortly be possible, states the diplomatic correspondent of the newspaper, for Britain to complete the extension of her guarantees to Poland, Rumania, and Greece to include Turkey and proceed beyond this to a larger security system.

To Widen Peace Front

LONDON, April 20.

Close consultations between Britain and Turkey are continuing, but the reports that they have concluded do not appear to be strictly accurate, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It is understood that a clear understanding of Turkey's attitude, particularly as regards her interests in the Balkans, has been gained. The discussions are likely to continue alongside inter-dependent consultations in other countries.

THE CONVERSATIONS WITH MOSCOW ARE PROCEEDING STEADILY.

It is understood that the Rumanian Foreign Minister's recent contact with Colonel Beck had useful results. It is unlikely that any clearcut outline of the present conversations will be given in the immediate future: reticence may be maintained even after the position crystallises.

Both Yugoslavia and Bulgaria are apparently unwilling to join either camp.

While the date of the British Ambassador's return to Berlin is not fixed, it is hoped that if an improvement in the situation occurs he will resume his post next month.

Major Attention Directed On Balkans

Major attention is directed in news columns of the morning papers to political activity in Balkans. The chief topic is the position of Yugoslavia.

A meeting, reported to have been arranged between the Foreign Ministers of Yugoslavia and Italy at Venice for the week-end, is freely interpreted as foreshadowing pressure to bring Yugoslavia more closely under the wing of the Axis Powers, by whom with the occupation of Albania, she is hemmed in the Adriatic.

The usual form of joining the anti-Comintern Pact is foreseen in several reports, although another suggestion is made that Italy will guarantee Yugoslavia's independence, such as she has Greece's and a military alliance will be concluded.

Rapidly Changing Scene

The closeness of the Italo-Hungarian relations evidenced in the communique does not escape attention with regard to this move.

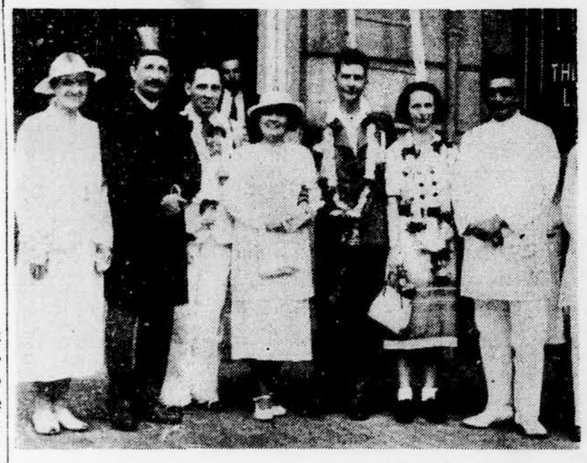
It is suggested that Hungary may be agreeable to relinquishing territorial demands on Yugoslavia obviously in return for backing her demands on Rumania.

The reaction of Yugoslavia's Balkan entente allies—Rumania, Greece and Turkey—rapidly changing scene is speculated upon. Turkey is represented as being seriously concerned. While the concern is attributed in one report to the possibility of Bulgaria aligning herself with the Axis Powers—somewhat discounted by her declaration of neutrality—and in another to the fear that Yugoslavia may do so, reports from Istanbul assert that the Greco-Turkish alliance is being strengthened and that Turkey is hurrying defence preparations in the Bosporus and Dardanelles.

Veil Being Lifted

Considerations of vital importance to the Balkan sphere, as throughout south-east Europe, obviously are Anglo-French approaches to Turkey and above all the Soviet.

Discreet attempts to lift the veil over Anglo-Soviet consultations at Moscow are made by some diplomatic correspondents who are agreed that the Soviet has made an important gesture with regard to her inclusion in the anti-aggression front, which the British Government will now consider.



M. Pierre Martin and Madam Martin and M. Cyrano, who believe in the Zoroastrian religion, arrived in Bombay by the mail-boat on Thursday.

MINISTRY OF SUPPLIES WELCOMED

LONDON, April 20.

The decision to establish the Ministry of Supply is welcomed in political circles. It is felt that it will enable the War Office to concentrate on organising the army and will save much time lost hitherto in carrying out orders owing to lack of power to demand priority.

It is pointed out that the effect of the recent decisions affecting the army has been to multiply the programme originally laid down in 1936 by six-and-a-half times without taking into account the raising of the anti-aircraft divisions to seven.

It is thought that the Ministry will also materially assist in supply of materials to other services.

Necessary Legislation To Be Passed

Government intend to pass legislation for the new Ministry of Supply as early as possible as pending Royal Assent. No active steps can be taken to constitute the Ministry.

It is believed that the priority powers of the Ministry will be comprehensive. It will take over Government factories like the Woolwich Arsenal. It is likely that a council will be established on the lines of the Army Council to advise the Minister.

Threefold Peace Policy

Mr. Eden addressing an audience of seven thousand at Bridlington advocated a threefold peace policy. Firstly, it should be made plain that aggression had had its day; secondly, restoration of confidence and international good faith by the creation of a peace front; and thirdly, maximum effort by Britain in every sphere, domestic and foreign, including marshalling of all forces in wealth, manpower and industry.

Mr. Eden declared "The world cannot continue staggering day to day under the constant threat of an universal catastrophe. We have got to devise and accept some system of law and order which will put a stop to brigandage, or all of us are going to suffer. Those who come after will suffer more still."

HITLER PREPARING TO REPLY TO ROOSEVELT

PARIS, April 21.

According to a well-informed deplomatic source Herr Hitler is now preparing to reply to President Roosevelt and is asking small states to which President Roosevelt has referred in his message, if they considered their independence threatened by Germany and if they have appealed to the President to intervene.—Reuter.

INDIA AND EMPIRE

LONDON, April 21.

"I think if there are any people who count upon the discontent in India, the sooner they disillusion themselves of that idea the better for them" declared Sir Firozkhan Noon at a banquet of the Associated British Chamber of Commerce. He added that should the Empire ever need the help of the teeming millions of India, placed strategically as they were East of Suez, they would find them the greatest asset to this comity of nations.—Reuter.

30 Children Burnt

Sequel To Balloon Accident

LONDON, April 20.

Thirty children were burnt but not seriously harmed when an experimental balloon, brought into Paignton harbour after being found at sea, suddenly burst into flames.—Reuter.

HEAVIER BURDENS ON FRENCH TAXPAYERS

Number Of Financial And Economic Decrees

PARIS, April 21.

A meeting of the Council of Ministers will be held to-day when a number of important decrees will be submitted for President Lebrun's signature.

It is believed that the financial and economic decrees will be more far-reaching and of more moment than any of the series of decrees in this category taken up to the present. It is almost certain that the decrees will involve still heavier sacrifices by taxpayers to meet the military expenditure.—Reuter.

BIGGEST ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN EVER SEEN

Capable Of Firing To Record Heights

BERLIN, April 20.

What they described as the biggest anti-aircraft guns they had even seen aroused the interest of military attaches during to-day's military parade in honour of Herr Hitler's birthday.

The guns were carried on tractors in three parts barrel, breach and the assembling apparatus.

The calibre of the guns is believed to be 15 centimentres instead of the eight centimetres hitherto used in Germany. It is presumed that the guns are capable of firing to record heights.—Reuter

Germany In Full Agreement With Duce's Speech

BERLIN, April 20

Signor Mussolini's speech in Rome to-day is received with "satisfaction and fullest agreement" in political circles. It is regarded as an indirect reply to President Roosevelt's proposals and also as another decisive demonstration to the democracies of the solidarity of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

A political commentator pointed out that Herr Hitler has also often referred to Germany's building activity as a proof of her peaceful intentions.—Reuter.

Council Of Action To Smash Federation

RESOLUTION FOR A. I. C. C.

(From "Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, April 21.

WHILE Mahatma Gandhi, Sjt. Subhas Bose and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru are engaged in solving the most serious party tangle, the A. I. C. C. Office is being flooded with no-confidence resolutions tabled by followers of either group.

SARDAR SARDUL SINGH CAVEESHAR HAS GIVEN NOTICE OF A RESOLUTION, WHICH DECLARES NO-CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF GANDHIJI AND THE 13 LEADERS WHO RESIGNED FROM THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE.

HE SAYS THAT THE PRESENT POLITICAL SETBACK HAS BEEN CAUSED BY GANDHIJI AND THE RESIGNATION OF THE LEADERS.

Lala Shamlal has tabled a motion of no-confidence against Congress President Bose.

M. S. Kaamwar desires sole power of composition and dissolution of the Working Committee be vested in Mahatma Gandhi. Mr. Nariman desires the election of the Working Committee instead of nomination of some individuals for several years. Sjt. Kumaranand suggests the abolition of the Parliamentary Board, and direct control by provincial district and tehsil committees.

Messrs Shibnath Bannerji Purnachandra Das, Ataichandra Kumar, Satiranjan Bakshi and Harendranath Ghose suggest the appointment of a committee to enquire how far the Congress parliamentary programme has uptil now been implemented and what truth there is in the allegations made against the Congress Ministries administration.

Mr. Bhupendra Nath Sanyal suggests a Council of Action be set up to prepare ground for launching effective mass action to smash the slave constitution as a preliminary to this unity campaign.

Next Congress Session To Be Held At Barkhana?

Engineer Submits Report To Rajendra Babu

(From Our Correspondent.)

PATNA, April 20.

The village of Barkhana is expected to have the honour of being selected as venue of next session of the Indian National Congress to be held in Bihar. This is suggested by Mr. Ramdas Gulati, an engineer of repute, who was responsible for the construction of Congress Nagar and Pandal of Faizpur, Haripura and Tripuri Congress sessions in his report to Babu Rajendra Prasad about the site of the next Congress session.

The Bihar Congress Working Committee will meet on April 24 finally to decide the venue of the next Congress.

Barkhana is situated on the bank of Damodar river, and is one mile off from railway station. Bhils and other aboriginal tribes inhabit the tracts around the village.

Mr. Gulati in his report says that Barkhana fulfils all the conditions of an ideal village for Congress session.

S.-W. AFRICA POLICE BILL

CAPETOWN, April 20.

"We would flee from South-West Africa jut as soon as would from the Union," declared Gen. Hertzog speaking on the second reading of the South-West Africa Police Bill in the House of Assembly.

He added: "We will protect the territory as we would protect our own nationals".

Dr. Malan, opposition leader, moved rejection of the Bill on the ground that amalgamation of the police forces of the Union and South-West Africa was contrary to the Union's policy of giving more and more self-government to the territory.—Reuter.

Japan And Spratley Island

TOKIO, April 20.

An assurance that Japan did not intend "to extend her lines of defence" to Spratley Islands was given by Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, Chief of the Admiralty Publicity Bureau.

He said that the Islands were useless for strategic purposes as they consisted mostly of dangerous reefs, with no facilities for sea or land planes.—Reuter.

ARAB LEADERS' APPEAL FOR PEACE

JERUSALEM, April 20

A significant move was taken in the Arab town of Nablus when leading notables, representing all political parties, held a meeting at which they unanimously condemned terrorism and resolved to unite law-abiding citizens in opposing disturbance of peace.

This followed an incident when the Mayor's bodyguard was instrumental in the apprehension of two terrorists, one of whom was wounded while attempting to escape.

BERLIN-BUCHAREST CONVERSATIONS

BUCHAREST, April 20.

A Rumanian delegation is leaving for Berlin on Saturday to discuss with the German Government means of giving effect to the recently signed Germano-Rumanian trade agreement.

King Carol is expected to receive from the Rumanian circles in Berlin to-night a full report on M. Gafencu's visit.—Reuter.

CHARLIE CHAN

THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE ON DECK LAST NIGHT, I TELL YOU! SOMEONE WHO DID NOT SEE ME!
PARDON, MR. DEEPING! YOU OVERHEARD CONVERSATION OF BOB AND YOUR DAUGHTER ON DECK LAST NIGHT-?
I WON'T DENY THAT I DID! THEY WERE TALKING IN LOW TONES, BUT I GOT MOST OF IT! SUDDENLY THE KNIFE WHIZZED PAST ME AND NARROWLY MISSED BOB!
Alfred Andriola

MAN WITH A MAD

PERSONALLY, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS MEDDLING BY BOTH OF YOU! MIND YOU, IF EITHER OF YOU MAKE ANY MORE INSINUATIONS ABOUT ME I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT!
REGRET IT, DO YOU HEAR?
NO NEED FOR LOUD WORDS! HEARING OF HUMBLE DETECTIVE IS PERFECT!
WELL, CAPTAIN HARTLEY MUST BE DEAF OR HE WOULDN'T BE WEARING AN ELECTRIC EARPHONE! I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M SICK OF THIS WHOLE BUSINESS!
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